

く即死魔法とスキルコピーの超越ヒーロー

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ケアルガ

弱い自分を捨てるために新たな姿に
進化したケアル。明るく楽しく幸せな
復讐生活をモットーに面白おかしく
生きている好青年。根は優しい。

エレン

【敵】「軍師」の部下。たのしみで
生きている。たのしみで生きている。
たのしみで生きている。たのしみで
生きている。たのしみで生きている。

ブレット

【敵】の勇者。経験豊富な戦
士。勇者。経験豊富な戦士。
勇者。経験豊富な戦士。勇者。
経験豊富な戦士。勇者。経験豊富

イヴ

【周回】では魔王。【周回】では魔
王候補の少女。魔王候補の少女。
魔王候補の少女。魔王候補の少女。
魔王候補の少女。魔王候補の少女。

フレイア

顔を愛されたい。顔の記憶を
付けられた。顔を愛されたい。
顔を愛されたい。顔を愛されたい。
顔を愛されたい。顔を愛されたい。

セツナ

【敵】の部下。たのしみで
生きている。たのしみで生きている。
たのしみで生きている。たのしみで
生きている。たのしみで生きている。

クレハ

【敵】の部下。たのしみで
生きている。たのしみで生きている。
たのしみで生きている。たのしみで
生きている。たのしみで生きている。

人類の限界と言われる第五階位魔術。

その壁をこえた第六階位魔術すら凌駕した
第七階位魔術が完成した。





「ケヤルが様、

そういうこと

したいなら

セツナがいる」



「くるしゅうないの……
あっ、ん、そこ、ぽかぽかする」

Prologue: The healing magician searches for his lover

After making sure the Dioral Kingdom started getting rebuilt, we left on a journey once again.

Ellen... princess Norn remained to rebuild the Dioral Kingdom.

Many nobles and civilians died, so we had no choice but to use the people the feudal lord of Ranalitta gathered to rule it. But if we leave it to them, the Dioral Kingdom will be occupied from the inside. That would be unforgivable. It's *my* toy, so I have to reconstruct it to how I want it to be.

To start rebuilding it with those people, a first-class ruler isn't enough. We need the best ruler.

"The dragon knights haven't come yet." (*Kearuga*)

We came to a forest near the Dioral Kingdom. From here, we're planning to return to the demon king territory. Going on foot would obviously be too far, so we're using dragons.

I had the dragon knights return to hand over a letter to Eve, and requested for them to return the day after the Dioral king gets executed. Since it would stand out if a dragon were to come to the capital, we made the forest that has the hidden passage to the castle to be the meeting place.

"The air is delicious here, being in the castle for so long made it hard to breathe. I had to take the appearance of princess Flare too, so my shoulders became stiff." (*Freya*)

While saying that, Freya straightens her back.

Freya is a beautiful girl with pink hair. Since she had been taking the appearance of princess Flare recently, Freya's appearance feels fresh.

"Yeah. It doesn't feel bad being called a champion and being respected, but as long as they look at us like that, we can't do anything imprudent." (*Kearuga*)

Freya and I rose up as champions that saved the country, so we worked hard under Ellen's orders.

The Dioral king's rampage caused a lot of damage to this country, so if we don't appeal to them as their idols, champions who saved the country, the citizens wouldn't be able to keep going. Thanks to that, the Dioral Kingdom started slowly but surely going forwards.

... Even now, I think that making the Dioral King go one lap around the capital while getting stones thrown at him was a masterpiece. His whole body had swelled up and was spilling blood, but he still didn't die.

I **chopped off** his head in front of the citizens since it couldn't be helped, and they started praising the hero of [**Healing**], Kearu, as a champion. It felt pretty good.

"Kearuga-sama, Setsuna likes journeying rather than living in the castle." (*Setsuna*)

"I am of the same opinion. That suits us more." (*Kureha*)

The beautiful, wolf-eared girl Setsuna and the beautiful swordswoman Kureha both seem happy to be away from the castle.

"Leaving aside Setsuna, it's surprising for you to say that, Kureha. I thought you would be more used to it, considering how big your noble family was." (*Kearuga*)

"Not necessarily. My family were great nobles, but it was their pride to constantly go to the battlefield and protect the citizens by killing as many monsters as they could. So, I have never stayed at the castle for that long." (*Kureha*)

That sort of style is unusual among the nobles. That's probably why Kureha was raised to be so straightforward.

"Since Guren can eat tasty meat, she's fine with living in the castle forever!" (*Guren*)

While everyone else was happy that they could leave the castle, Guren alone had a face that seemed disappointed.

Right now, she's on my shoulder in her cub kitsune form. She has an awful personality, but I rub her head since this form is cute, and she makes a 'koyaaan' sound.

Guren is sly. Even in the castle, she constantly extorted meat with her cute appearance and actions, and was especially popular with the women.

We look up at the sky.

It's about time for the dragon knights to come.

"Kearuga-sama, they are here!" (*Setsuna*)

Setsuna finds the dragons first.

As she has the properties of a wolf, her eyesight and presence perception is superior.

We wave our hands, and the dragons show off their acrobatic flight. It's probably their way of greeting.

I'm glad they could come to pick us up safely. Going to the demon king's castle by land would be tiring and take time. I want to return as fast as possible.

I'm worried about the demon king territory. After all, they had many uneasy factors straight after the demon king changed.

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We fly through the skies on the dragons' backs.

They turned out to be the same dragon knights that dropped us off.

I call out to one of the dragon knights.

"Has anything changed in the demon king castle?" (*Kearuga*)

"It is peaceful as of now. Of course, there has been slight trouble and brief arguments, but they were within expectations." (*Dragon Knight*)

I feel relieved now that I've heard that.

If something happened to Eve, my revenge targets would increase.

I've finally reached the point where there's only one revenge target left, so I don't want to increase my revenge targets at this point in time.

"Then that's good. It sounds like Eve and the elders are going on well."
(Kearuga)

Eve is a quick-witted girl, but she's overwhelmingly lacking in experience.

Because of that, she took the style of letting the elders, from the tribes that were persecuted by the previous demon king, do most of the politics, and making the final decision by herself.

I was worried that Eve might become their puppet, but it was the most realistic method.

"I have not heard any bad rumours about Eve-sama's skill." (Dragon Knight)

"I'll have to praise her when we get back." (Kearuga)

Eve is a lonely and spoiled child.

And, she's quite lewd. She's probably wetting her pillow and even her underwear right now, thinking about me.

I'll give Eve love for a whole day.

The dragons speed up. At this pace, we should reach Ranalitta, our stopping point, by the time the sun sets.

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We reach the disarrayed town, Ranalitta.

We're dropping by here to let the dragons rest. Although they are dragons, flying from the Dioral Kingdom to the demon king castle in one day is impossible.

They need to insert rests sometimes. Since we chose the forest near Ranalitta as a resting spot, we're letting loose in Ranalitta.

As expected of a free city. Even though they were overrun by the Dioral Kingdom's black knights, they've almost finished restoring the town back to normal.

It's a town that doesn't refuse anyone that comes to it and develops by taking in everything. Because of that, it's terrifically heated. The stores are booming and they seem to be in good condition.

"Just as planned, we'll take separate action from now. Freya, you guys head to the inn first." (Kearuga)

"Certainly, Kearuga-sama." (Freya)

"Let us meet again later." (Kureha)

"Sorry about this, you guys can eat first if I'm too late." (Kearuga)

I didn't only come to Ranalitta because it's suitable for the dragons to rest. It's also for the sake of gathering information. And I'll do that by using an intelligence network in the shadows.

Because of Ranalitta's nature to not refuse anyone that comes, there are many ruffians and humans of the underworld. Their intelligence network is outstanding, and they even surpass the Dioral Kingdom's secret information division depending on the field.

"Kearuga-sama, take me please, Setsuna won't disturb you. Setsuna lives to protect Kearuga-sama. She has no worth if she can't protect Kearuga-sama." (*Setsuna*)

I smile wryly at her serious eyes, and those words.

"Alright. I'll bring you as a guard." (*Kearuga*)

They would get cautious if we intrude with too many people, but it should be just barely safe if it's only Setsuna.

We're going to have a foul conversation, and I'm going to have to show her a face that I didn't want to show any of them. Those are some reasons why I wanted to go alone, but Setsuna won't betray me no matter what.

"It's unfair that only Setsuna-chan gets to go." (*Freya*)

"True, we were enduring our want to go after all." (*Kureha*)

"She's just more suitable for this. Humans of the underworld are good at surprise attacks, so Setsuna's sharp senses are suitable as a guard. Well then, let's go." (*Kearuga*)

"Nn. Setsuna will protect you from your side." (*Setsuna*)

Like this, we started our separate actions.

It would be nice if we can procure some useful information.

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We advance to the outskirts of the slum quarters.

The air around here is heavy.

It's overflowing with vagrants and beggars, and there are shops selling illegal goods and slaves.

Setsuna frowns. She used to be a product here. People like Setsuna are still being sold here.



"There sure are a lot of shops selling slaves. It's probably not fun for you since you're a former slave, right?" (*Kearuga*)

"... That's true. But Setsuna thinks it can't be helped." (*Setsuna*)

Setsuna took a philosophical view, despite her young age. Contrary to her appearance, she's actually an adult.

We enter one bar.

By paying the commission there and saying the secret code, we get taken further in.

There's an informant here. Although he's skinny, a guy seems intelligent was sitting in the room inside.

"Bro, you don't seem to have much cash, but the information here is pretty expensive." (*Informant*)

"I have money. Is this much enough?" (*Kearuga*)

"... Hee, it's plenty. I'm surprised. You're earning quite a lot, even though you're young. Is there some information you want so badly that you would pack this much cash for?" (*Informant*)

"There's a man I want you to search into. I want to know where that man is and what he is doing right now, as fast as possible. I want every piece of information you have, including the people that get involved with him. I don't care what the price is." (*Kearuga*)

I take out a piece of paper from my chest.

Bullet's looks were sketched on that paper, and it also has every piece of information I have.

"That's a big shot. The hero of the [**Gun**], Bullet... Were you dug out by that pervert priest too?" (*Informant*)

I lost my words for a moment. It's the fact that it was a bull's-eye, but that's not all.

"I'm surprised in two ways. One, is that you know what he's doing in the shadows, despite his mask of being a good person looking after an orphanage. Two, is that you gave out that information for free." (*Kearuga*)

"I'll tell you why. I know because the hero of the [**Gun**], Bullet, is one of our customers. The boys in his orphanage is full of beauties, and that's not a coincidence, it's because the shops in the shadows service him with children. Those guys behind the scenes are connected. You should take care too. Information about people who use those shops in the shadows circulate. Well, it seems the hero of the [**Gun**], Bullet, uses us even while knowing that. He comes to buy information too." (*Informant*)

... Bullet is that kind of guy. He lives however he wants to, but he's not an idiot. He takes risks and acts while making sure that it would be fine.

"And the reason I told you that information for free, is to show that I actually know about him. You seem like a good customer, so I need to appeal to you to show that I have this much information." (*Informant*)

"Very well. It seems like I'll be able to trust you as an informant." (*Kearuga*)

"Yeah, trust me. Kearuga-san the alchemist. Or should I call you by your other name." *(Informant)*

I ended up smiling wryly. To think he knew that much.

"That's even better than I imagined. In that case, I'll make a request. I'll pay all of these gold coins as advance payment. I want you to gather information about him. You don't know where he is right now, right?" *(Kearuga)*

"Exactly. However, there is a way of finding him. Our customer Bullet has a disease. He'll definitely try to put his hands on a handsome boy he likes, and fall into our web." *(Informant)*

"I'll be expecting it... Also, I don't mind if you sell Bullet the information that the hero of [**Healing**] Kearu is searching for him." *(Kearuga)*

The informant scratches his face.

"Ah, you knew, huh." *(Informant)*

"You're doing that kind of business. Besides, he'll move if he knows that I'm searching for him. Just as I want him to." *(Kearuga)*

Kearu is the ideal young boy for Bullet. If he knows that I'm searching for him, he'll probably come to meet me with a bulging crotch.

"Alright. I accept. How should I contact you?" *(Informant)*

The informant and I work out the details.

I request him to send everything he knows, in detail, to a place in Buranikka. But as expected, he wouldn't be able to send one to the demon king territory.

Thinking about it normally, Bullet should have died already. Investigating about him is meaningless.

However, I'm sure of the premonition I have inside of me. He's still living, by some way or another.

I made the Dioral Kingdom's secret information division investigate him too, but I visited the informant because I felt that that's still not enough. Once we reach the demon king territory, we can even use demons and monsters.

I'll accomplish my final revenge no matter what. For that sake, I need to find him. I definitely won't let him escape.

It's strange.

In the first world, I was scared of him, wanted to run away from him, and just afraid of him, but right now, I can't help but want to meet him.

I'll make him taste even more pain, fear, humiliation and pain that I had to go through.

By just imagining that, a dark smile crept up to me.

Chapter 01: The healing magician restarts his revenge

I requested the informant in Ranalitta to investigate the hero of the **[Gun]**, Bullet.

They can find information that even the Dioral Kingdom's secret intelligence division can't catch. Like it was only natural, they said they can hold him down when Bullet comes to restock on handsome boys, but that was an idea that I hadn't thought of.

"Kearuga-sama, good thing the request went well." (*Setsuna*)

While linking arms with me, Setsuna happily swings her tail.

"Yeah. When it comes to information warfare, there really are things that can't be done without the help of an organization. I'm glad they accepted it." (*Kearuga*)

Until now, I was able to gain information and abilities from all sorts of people with **[Recovery Heal]**, as expected, I wasn't able to gain personal connections.

Well, I have the authority of the demon king via Eve and the Dioral Kingdom via Freya, so there's no problem with that.

"The sun still hasn't set yet. It seems like we'll be able to eat with everyone at this rate." (*Kearuga*)

"Nn. Ranalitta has lots of good restaurants, so Setsuna is looking forward to it. Setsuna wants a meat dish." (*Setsuna*)

"That's my plan." (*Kearuga*)

Setsuna, the wolf-eared, beautiful girl, and Guren the kitsune. Since both of them love meat to the extreme, so our feasts mostly have meat. Setsuna and Guren don't mind as long as it tastes good so it can be a seafood dish too.

Our meals in the Dioral castle were first-class, but we dined together with officials as the rebuilding was happening, so it was a bit hard to rest. Today, I'd like to go to a restaurant where we can make noise with ease.

While thinking about that, we return to the inn.

As I approach the door, I notice another presence, other than Freya, Kureha and Guren. Since they don't seem to be fighting, I'm guessing they're a guest?

I open the door with a suspicious feeling.

"Well well, Kearuga-sama, you came at a good time. I am a messenger of the Ranalitta feudal lord. After hearing that you visited Ranalitta, my master ordered me to invite you to his mansion." (???)

He probably caught our tracks when we rented the inn.

I didn't use my alchemist Kearuga or Kearu, the hero of **[Healing]**, name. The fact that he still noticed us, means he knows my looks too. I should change my appearance afterwards.

That being said, although my Kearuga appearance is artificial, I'm attached to it since I've been using it for a long time. Besides, I don't want to tamper with the appearances of the women I like.

"..... I will certainly come." (*Kearuga*)

Afule Real Ranalitta is an outstanding man as a feudal lord.

He wouldn't meaninglessly call me. He's probably aiming for my power, but he's not a man that would do something so pathetic like one-sidedly relying on me. Since he's calling me, he will most likely make a negotiation that we mutually benefit from.

"That being the case, we'll be postponing our plans to eat good food at ease for today." (*Kearuga*)

"It can't be helped." (*Kureha*)

"Yes, it is only natural for people to rely on Kearuga-sama." (*Freya*)

"Setsuna agrees... The food the Ranalitta feudal lord gives out tastes good." (*Setsuna*)

"Guren doesn't mind wherever as long as there's meat!" (*Guren*)

I smile wryly at Setsuna and Guren's words.

Even though they're polar opposites, one is a faithful dog-type and the other is a whimsical kitsune-type, their thoughts occasionally match when meat is involved.

Well then, what reason did he call me for?

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I visit Afule Real Ranalitta's mansion that I visited the other day when I saved Ranalitta from the army of black knights.

As usual, it's a tasteful mansion. Although an outrageous amount of money was spent on it, they're good quality but not too gaudy either. I can feel a mature sense of beauty that a parvenu wouldn't have.

A servant offers me to enter the large bath.

"Kearuga-sama, let's accept their offer!" (*Freya*)

"I agree, we have not entered one in a while, after all." (*Kureha*)

Freya and Kureha bit at that. Both of them love baths.

A large bath existed in the Dioral castle too, but that was made into a 'dump site.' The things that were thrown away there were slightly special, and it was in a condition that couldn't be reused. Because of that, we couldn't use the bath while we were in the castle.

"Alright. Let's borrow the bath. The meal will taste better if we clean our bodies beforehand." (*Kearuga*)

"Nn. Setsuna will wash Kearuga-sama's back." (*Setsuna*)

"Guren will swim lots and get hungry!" (*Guren*)

Like this, we decided to take a bath before eating.

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It's an outrageously wide bath made out of marble.

The hot water wasn't just some warmed up water, but it seemed to be coming in from somewhere and it smelt like a hot spring with viscosity. It's

awfully extravagant, but the Ranalitta feudal lord has enough assets to be allowed to do that.

I wash my body lightly and soak myself in the bath.

As I thought, spacious baths are good. If it's just to heal my body's fatigue, **[Recovery Heal]** is plenty, but this heals my mind too, and it has the good feeling you can only experience in a hot spring.

"It's wide and easy to swim in!" (*Guren*)

Guren has been dog paddling, no, kitsune paddling in her kitsune cub form since before. It's bad manners, but it's fine since she's cute. That reminds me, I've never seen her naked when she's in her girl form.

I catch Guren, who was swimming in front of me and raise her up.

"Leeet gooo ooof meee, Guren can't swim like this!" (*Guren*)

"If you want me to let go of you, turn into your girl form." (*Kearuga*)

"Hmm? Then will you let go?" (*Guren*)

"I promise." (*Kearuga*)

Guren grows bigger in my hand. Since I'm holding her up, I can perfectly see Guren's different places.

She turned into her kitsune eared, beautiful girl. She's an outrageously beautiful girl with mischievous eyes. It looks like she's around fourteen years of age, but her growing parts made me want to grab at her. Her fluffy kitsune tail makes a good accent, and it's cute.

"Hey, Guren." (*Kearuga*)

"What is it?" (*Guren*)

"You sure are cute. Can I have sex with you?" (*Kearuga*)

Guren bit my arm.

As I let go of her, she kitsune paddles away in her girl form and glares at while keeping her distance.

"Goshujinsama is a pervert! Guren was born from goshujinsama's mana and mind! In other words, she is goshujinsama's daughter! Incest is no good!" (*Guren*)

Now that she mentions it, that's true. However, I can't possibly think of Guren being my daughter. She isn't similar to me at all, and we aren't connected by blood seither.

In the first place, I'm the type that wants to do it even more when I get told that I can't. However, I don't like to force it if they aren't one of my revenge targets, so I'll just stop for now.

"Well, I won't force you to do anything." (*Kearuga*)

I just want to do it with women that I want to do it with.

I should think of something that will make Guren want to do it.

Eve didn't like it at the start either, but she began to demand it from herself in the blink of an eye. Guren will probably become like that someday.

"Kearuga-sama, if you want to do something like that, Setsuna is here for you." (*Setsuna*)

Before I knew it, Setsuna had started hugging me from the front.

"You're so cute, Setsuna." (*Kearuga*)

I hug her back. I'll knock my fierce feelings I got from looking at Guren, into Setsuna.

"Setsuna-chan is always stealing a march on us." (*Freya*)

"We have always wanted Kearuga to give us his love." (*Kureha*)

Freya and Kureha came over too.

"Being too loved is a problem too." (*Kearuga*)

It's considerably tough to take on all three of them, but all three of them are high-class beauties, and they're in good condition too. Just like Guren was saying, food tastes better if you exercise before eating.

I glance at Guren.

In Eve's case, she had a keen interest in it and would look at us from time to time, but Guren isn't showing any interest and is just kitsune paddling in a good mood in her kitsune form.

... I feel like I'm going to have even more trouble than I had with Eve.

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We changed into the clothes the Ranalitta feudal lord prepared for us and rest in our room after cleaning our bodies in the bath and doing some light exercise.

After a while, a servant calls out to us, saying that they have finished preparing the meal.

In the room we were guided to, the Ranalitta feudal lord had taken a seat and welcomed us.

"Welcome, champion. To think you would not only save Ranalitta but even the Dioral Kingdom itself, the hero of **[Healing]** Kearu-sama is a true hero." (*Afule*)

"You did not call me here to give me that kind of flattery, right?" (*Kearuga*)

I talk more politely towards this person.

It's also because I respect him, but it's mostly because we are equal business partners. It's not like I'm going to be one-sidedly exploited, nor am I going to do that to him. I talk more politely exactly because he is a partner I can give and take with.

"That is exactly correct. However, let us enjoy our meal first. Since I heard what you liked when I invited you last time, it should have become an even better meal." (*Afule*)

"I am looking forward to that." (*Kearuga*)

Starting with the appetisers that were lined up first, Kureha and Freya's favourite dishes were there.

The meat and seafood dishes that are going to be brought in will probably be our favourite dishes too.

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Our dinner meeting advanced. Everyone is in a good mood.

It's understandable. The chefs that Ranalitta hired have a remarkable ability. On top of making everyone's favourite foods with the best ingredients, they improved it and made it taste even better.

What I'm eating right now, is roast beef with honey sauce.

It's Setsuna's favourite food, but by putting honey in the centre and boiling it with several fruits, the meat became softer and the sauce has an amazing sense of unity with it.

Their way of using spice is skilful too, as they were able to firmly tighten the roast beef that could have turned sickly-sweet. The combination of soft meat with sweet and spicy sauce was superb. The fish pie that was taken out before the meat dish was good as well.

Although there are many good restaurants in Ranalitta, as expected, there aren't any that could make this kind of food.

For the final dessert, a flaky tart that was abundant in the seasonal fruits was brought in. Just like many girls, Setsuna and the others love sweet things. And with the sweetness of plenty of expensive white sugar being used in it, everyone showed ecstatic faces.

"Were you able to enjoy that?" (*Afule*)

"Yes, I would not be able to eat anything better than this elsewhere. Even royalty would not be able to eat this kind of meal." (*Kearuga*)

It's not flattery, but the truth.

Since it's Ranalitta, that developed by accepting both good and bad things, this kind of dish was produced.

"I am happy to hear you enjoyed it." (*Afule*)

"The fun meal has finished. Do you think it is about time to enter the main deal now?" (*Kearuga*)

"Well then, I will do just that. Hero of **[Healing]** Kearu-sama, I heard you are making a place to lead the war between humans and demons to peace." (*Afule*)

"That information is supposed to be more or less top secret, though." (*Kearuga*)

"Well, things leak from places they can leak from." (*Afule*)

That's true.

After all, most of the humans that were connected to the Dioral Kingdom's domestic affairs were killed by the Dioral king's rampage or escaped out of the country.

Because of that, I relied on this man's personal connections to deal with the serious shortage of human resources. As long as we use the men he prepared, we should think under the assumption that all the information has leaked.

"So, what do you want to say about that? Quit the idea of making peace? Or are you going to give me advice?" (*Kearuga*)

"I will not tell you to quit it. Ranalitta will be grateful if the demons stop invading." (*Afule*)

I don't accept those words truthfully. After all, Ranalitta was on the side that actually gained from fighting against the demons. Since the demons kept invading, recovery potions, weapons, armour and such were sold.

If peace is made with the demons, although the fights with monsters that naturally occur won't stop, the frequency of fighting will drop sharply, and the amount of those things being sold will drop greatly.

There are many people who want to continue fighting too.

"Kearu-sama, please do not look at me with those eyes. We have calculated that it would be an overall plus if we made peace. I swear to the god that this is true. However, there are people that believe this will put us at a disadvantage." *(Afule)*

"So those sorts of people are aiming at us, huh." *(Kearuga)*

"That is correct. There have been those sorts of movements. Of course, they should be no problem for you, Kearu-sama." *(Afule)*

"If there is anyone that can kill me, I'd rather you actually bring them to me. There's only one person I can think of, but I'm in the middle of searching for him right now." *(Kearuga)*

The only person that can kill me in this world is most likely the hero of the **[Gun]**, Bullet.

"We are searching for that person too. We will share any information we find with you." *(Afule)*

"So you even know that much, huh." *(Kearuga)*

"Yes, Ranalitta is my garden after all... However, I called you for a different, no, it might be a related incident. The neighbouring country, the Grantsbach Empire is trying to start a war against the Dioral Kingdom." *(Afule)*

"The Grantsbach Empire, huh. It's not that much of a strong country, right?" *(Kearuga)*

They're overwhelmingly inferior in national power compared to the Dioral Kingdom.

The Grantsbach Empire had been obediently submitting money, goods and technology to the Dioral Kingdom until now, under the pretence of it being necessary for the sake of protecting humanity.

One characteristic of their country is that agriculture isn't going well with their infertile land, but their manufacturing industry has developed because of their mining. So, their weapon and tool production should be active.

"Certainly, their national power is greatly inferior to the Dioral Kingdom. However, they should be able to crush the current Dioral Kingdom." *(Afule)*

"Well yeah, since many towns became independent and many people immigrated, the country is still like a patient, since it doesn't have an army." *(Kearuga)*

The injuries taken from the Dioral king's rampage were big.

Just like I said right now, many towns declared they would become independent, and there is no army to keep them in check. They've got their hands full with just protecting the capital.

Then, the Grantsbach Empire's aim is...

"Ranalitta feudal lord, is the Grantsbach Empire's aim to defeat the Dioral Kingdom and become humanity's shield on behalf of it? They want to do what the Dioral Kingdom used to do." (*Kearuga*)

"Yes, that is what I was thinking too. If they defeat the Dioral Kingdom, peace won't be established and even if it did, they can break the peace for the sake of their profits and invade the demon territory." (*Afule*)

This is considerably troublesome.

"You want me to stop that. That's Ranalitta's will, right?" (*Kearuga*)

"Yes, exactly. I said it might be related to the person you are searching for, before, right? ... The truth is, apparently a guest came to the Grantsbach Empire recently and instigate the royalty. Apparently, he gave them a strange power, and that person himself had absolute power. Because of that power, the Grantsbach Empire is thinking of starting a war." (*Afule*)

"Could that be." (*Kearuga*)

"There is no proof as of now, but there is a high chance of it being so." (*Afule*)

By the time I realized it, I had been smiling.

The hero of the **[Gun]**, Bullet, that made off with the **[Philosopher's Stone]**. It wouldn't be weird for him to move like that.

He would gather handsome boys at a place that has a high opinion of him, and remake his harem. Not only that, against the new Dioral Kingdom, it'll make a situation where I have no choice but to come out.

"I see, so they are enemies I have to defeat to create a world of peace. I will cooperate once the enemies start moving." (*Kearuga*)

"Yes, we will be gathering information so you can move whenever." (*Afule*)

I tell the Ranalitta feudal lord my information network that connects to me in Buranikka. They're going to contact me when the Grantsbach Empire starts moving.

... Bullet, you're the best.

Even though the poor treatment you gave me in the first world was worthy of giving certain death, you even stole the **[Philosopher's Stone]** and on top of all that, you're even interrupting my ideal world-making.

The double revenge points princess Norn had used to be the highest, but Bullet even surpassed the highest points.

I wonder how I should make him suffer? He's my greatest enemy. It seems that evaluation of him wasn't wrong. Then, I need to give my greatest enemy a worthy treatment.

I'm getting fired up.

As I thought, objectives are necessary for life. There's still more to come until I finish enjoying this revenge.

Chapter 02: The healing magician trains his pet

As expected of the Ranalitta feudal lord. He has good information.

I did think it was strange that I couldn't find any traces of Bullet even after searching this hard, but I didn't think he would escape to a neighbouring country.

There's no guarantee that Bullet was the one who instigated the Grantsbach Empire, but I'm confident that it is him. I'll start moving too so that I can collect evidence just in case.

I decided to send a letter to Ellen, who remained in the Dioral Kingdom. If I tell Ellen about it, she will probably use the Dioral Kingdom's secret intelligence force to search into it.

... Just, there are dangers in using the secret intelligence force to search for Bullet.

The Dioral Kingdom's secret intelligence force is outstanding. They're feared by other countries and outlaws even more than the regular army is. Exactly because they exist, the Dioral Kingdom was able to somehow keep going. Even when the Dioral king went mad, the secret intelligence force was still safe.

Reasoning and intelligence are necessary to gather information so they would be useless if they became black knights. So, the Dioral king didn't use the black power on them. And, since he was afraid of losing his means of gathering information, the Dioral king didn't exile them.

On top of that, their loyalty is high and they didn't even escape from the country in a situation like that. Thanks to that, only the secret intelligence force was able to stay safe even when the Dioral king went mad.

That is a great thing, but the problem is that there are many people among them that were trained by Bullet.

Bullet had been enrolled in the secret intelligence force for a long time before he became a hero, and was respected as the ace of the secret intelligence force.

Bullet's carefulness and flawlessness cultivated the secret intelligence force. Infiltrating enemy nations to gather information, assassinating important people. He had mastered countless difficult missions.

Not only were his subordinates at the time personally supported by Bullet, after Bullet retired to become a hero and started running an orphanage, he continued sending orphans to the secret intelligence force. The children Bullet raised were outstanding, and those children became successful, making subordinates and spreading Bullet's teachings.

In other words, there is a chance many people from the secret intelligence force could betray us for Bullet... That being said, the secret intelligence force will also collapse if we remove everyone that has received Bullet's influence. If that happens, the Dioral Kingdom, that is only just barely maintaining its honour as a country, will end.

It's quite a difficult situation.

The other troublesome thing is that Bullet's pieces won't move with money. They are literally perverts that connected their minds and bodies through loving each other. The unbelievable thing is that there are many insane people that felt happiness from being dug out by Bullet.

Well, unlike me they probably received brainwashing teachings since a young age though.

The secret intelligence force is effective and useful, but I can't rely on them too much. That's what I think.

"Kearuga-sama, today's meal was delicious. Setsuna wants to come here again." (*Setsuna*)

"Yeah, it did taste good. There should be a chance to come here again. As long as we're beneficial to the Ranalitta feudal lord, that is." (*Kearuga*)

We're lying down on a bed in the room that was lent to us.

Setsuna is hugging my arm in her pyjamas. Since I gave love to them in the bath, we're just going to sleep for tonight.

I can handle doing it multiple times per day, but as expected, after doing it with three people in one go, I can't last at night. I feel happiness from just sleeping together, even if we don't have sex.

"Goshujinsama, that meat was amazing! Goshujinsama should've demanded more as a souvenir for Guren! Then she could eat it tomorrow too." (*Guren*)

"... You're a divine beast in some way, so have some self-control." (*Kearuga*)

The kitsune cub says something full of greed while sitting on my stomach.

"As a divine beast, Guren will happily receive offerings and pester when she wants them! God bird Caladrius-sama is even more amazing. When it wants to eat illnesses until it's full, it scatters infectious diseases in towns and eats it up once it spreads. That's just how divine beasts are!" (*Guren*)

"Putting it that way, divine beasts are actually pretty dirty." (*Kearuga*)

"Guren just pesters in a cute way, so she's an extremely noble divine beast!" (*Guren*)

God bird Caladrius, the god the kokuyoku tribe deifies, gave its blessings to Guren's egg.

It's a god bird that eats illnesses. Sure, it's a god bird that saves the citizens when it eats up the spreading illnesses, but that's just its meal.

If it doesn't have anything to eat, it can also become an extraordinarily annoying existence that spreads illnesses with high infectious capacity for the sake of its food. At least it spreads diseases that aren't lethal so that it can eat up plenty later.

When we made Eve the demon king, we borrowed the power of the god bird. Without god bird Caladrius' power, we would've had to fight against the demon king castle's army and probably wouldn't have even been able to reach the demon king.

If we were to fight against the Grantsbach Empire, we would have a complete victory with the power of the god bird. After all, we can move to the capital city of the enemy nation on its back, just like we did against the demon king. Then if we just spread a lethal disease, the capital will be destroyed.

However, we can't do that.

The power of the god bird Caladrius is too powerful for man. That's the same even for Eve, who became a demon king.

Her life gets shaved down every time she calls it. The next time she calls it, Eve won't get off easy. She probably won't be able to live a satisfying life. And, if she calls it again in that state, she'll lose her life.

Even the hero of **[Healing]** that can cure all sorts of injuries and diseases can't cure people who had their lives gouged out of them.

"Hey, Guren." (*Kearuga*)

"What?" (*Guren*)

"Compared to Caladrius, you're really plain, aren't you. You're only able to transform and use flames of purification, right? It's convenient, but the scale is way too small. If it's just breathing fire, there are monsters everywhere that could do that normally." (*Kearuga*)

"How rude! Even Guren can do amazing things like Caladrius-sama! She just hasn't shown you! Don't underestimate a divine beast!" (*Guren*)

Tail standing up, the kitsune cub intimidated me. She seems pretty angry, but I could only see her as being cute.

"Hou, then what can you do?" (*Kearuga*)

"It's a secret! But Guren is amazing. In the first place, kitsunes have an incredibly high affinity with divine power! Guren is a higher class, even among divine beasts!" (*Guren*)

"A secret, huh. Then I guess I'll ask your body." (*Kearuga*)

I grab Guren tightly, tickle her stomach, gently hit the base of her tail and pet her throat. Her fluffy fur and warmth feels good, and I feel like I could get addicted to this.

I basically know Guren's weak spots... Well, not in a sexual way, but as a pet.

"Koyaaan, it tickles, weird, this, my body feels warm. It's not bad, keep doing it." (*Guren*)

Guren is rolling around. This is fine in its own way, but I want to sexually give her love someday.

"Do you feel like talking now?" (*Kearuga*)

"Just this much, won't make Guren submit. So, do it more." (*Guren*)

"I see, so it's still not enough even after this much, huh. I guess I'll just quit now and stop." (*Kearuga*)

"Uu-, she, she can talk if it's just a bit. So keep petting the base of the tail." (*Guren*)

It's a good thing, to be honest. I'll make her feel even better.

"Hauu-, this, feels good. Guren still has a young body so she can't use it yet, but she can use her real power once she grows up." *(Guren)*

I see, so her kitsune cub form is her young form even as a divine beast, huh.

"So, what's your real power?" *(Kearuga)*

"Guren doesn't know either. Divine beasts awaken to their true power once they grow up after all. But, she knows it's something really crazy! Even now, she can use some simple things other than transforming and using flames of purification! That's the thing that seems crazy. It's a lot scarier than god bird Caladrius-sama." *(Guren)*

"What, so you just have a damn useless, vague prediction." *(Kearuga)*

"Guren is going to power up when she becomes an adult! The petting feels good!" *(Guren)*

The cub kitsune's body is exhausted.

Taking advantage of the moment, I touch a weird place, but it isn't fun at all when her appearance is that of a beast.

Next time, I'll make her feel good from the base of her tail, get her throat petted in her girl form and play sexual tricks on her as much as I want by taking advantage of the moment.

"Alright. Then, when will you grow up?" *(Kearuga)*

If she can do this, 'something really crazy,' I can put it in my plans before big fights and use it in my tactics.

"Umm, she doesn't know that either. Divine beasts grow at their own pace. Some grow up in three hours after being born, and some take a thousand years." *(Guren)*

"... As expected of divine beasts, they're mysterious creatures." *(Kearuga)*

"If you really really want it, apparently it can come faster! But Guren is fine the way she is. Guren's cute after all!" *(Guren)*

"I see, so you just have to want to become an adult, huh." *(Kearuga)*

I heard something pretty good. I'll make Guren into an adult.

Since Guren isn't a revenge target, I'm not going to force her to do erotic things, but I'm planning to guide her into holding an interest in it.

I had a slightly guilty conscience of wanting to do that, but now I have a just cause. If it's to make Guren stronger, it can't be helped.

"There, it's over." *(Kearuga)*

"That was a bit lacking. Guren gives you permission to play with her tomorrow too." *(Guren)*

"Yeah, I'll make sure to play with you." *(Kearuga)*

Next time it'll be in a different way though.

"Guren's going to sleep. She'll bite you if you wake her up!" *(Guren)*

The cub kitsune crawls into the futon and rolls into a ball. She's cheeky, but she really does look cute.

"Hey, Guren. How do you see the future?" *(Kearuga)*

She bit me. It seems she didn't like the fact that she was woken up.

“... Guren said not to wake her up. She’ll answer you, so don’t disturb anymore. In the future... if it’s with goshujinsama, Guren feels like it’ll be sparkly and happy, so she’ll stay with you.” (*Guren*)

“You like it when it’s sparkly and happy, huh. That’s an interesting prediction.” (*Kearuga*)

That’s definitely a sexual climax. Even Guren’s prediction is pointing at Guren and me intertwining.

From tomorrow, I’ll start Guren’s brainwashing... I mean, attempt at making Guren awaken to her adult power. I’m looking forward to it.

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The next day, we meet up with the dragon knights and head for the demon king’s castle once again. We depart at dawn.

Furthermore, I’m going to raise the pace by using **[Recovery Heal]** on the dragons to cure their fatigue and even fly at night. By doing that, we’ll be able to reach the demon king’s castle by late night. Unlike our way there, we’re going to save a day by not stopping by Buranikka.

When I let the dragon knights eat the lunch the Ranalitta feudal lord gave us, they were extremely happy.

They said, “*I have never eaten a feast as great as this before.*”, and praised the human world for being amazing.

While they were eating, Guren took a big lump of meat and became greatly delighted. I asked for it since Guren pestered me, but he actually gave it as a present.

Even now, she’s happily sucking on a bone in her cub kitsune form. I feel relaxed when I see her like this.

But I just can’t help but think, “If only these peaceful days could continue.”

□I want to take revenge.□

The dark anger that’s peculiar to revenge, the exhalation of making preparations to corner them and the joy of trampling over a hateful opponent. There is no amusement as good as revenge. I can’t help but want to enjoy revenge.

Once I fulfil my revenge against the hero of the **[Gun]**, Bullet, I’ll probably gain enough pleasure to climax, so I think it’ll take a while. That’s why I want a convenient revenge target to appear before I take my revenge on Bullet.

Preferably someone that irritates me but also has worth in crushing. And yet, recently there haven’t been any fools that try snapping at me. If there’s no target to take revenge on, there’s nothing I can do about it.

I’m returning to the demon king castle for Eve, but it’s also to kill time until Bullet appears.

If I act as Eve’s knight, I’ll also receive jealousy. Above all, I can even meet people that try to harm Eve. If my or my lover’s enemy appears, causes displeasure and tries to harm one of us, it would be plenty for a revenge motive.

I'll thoroughly crush them with a just cause.

I'm sure there are a lot of people that are aiming for the young girl that just became a demon king. Even Eve's allies, the tribes that were being oppressed, are definitely trying to get demon king candidates from their own tribes to become the demon king.

Once I enter the demon king castle, I'm sure there will be a revenge buffet.

I could even spread a rumour saying that Eve is actually weak and was only able to win against the previous demon king through the power of god bird Caladrius, but she isn't able to use that power right now.

It would probably be fun since I would be able to kill idiots that think they can kill the demon king. If I'm going down that route, making a rumour saying Eve always has her lover next to her as a guard because she's weak, would also be effective.

Then, idiots that try to chase after my head to corner and harass Eve would appear too.

Yeah, that's good. I'll proactively fish for idiots to take revenge on. Those types of idiots have a burning passion inside of them and become obstacles sometimes. It's for Eve's sake to crush them as fast as possible.

"Goshujinsama, you're making a disgusting face." (*Guren*)

"Nn. Setsuna is a bit scared." (*Setsuna*)

"Sorry. I just can't wait to see Eve again." (*Kearuga*)

It was showing on my face a little. Just like sexual desire, it really isn't good to store up revenge desire. I want to let out my feelings and feel better soon.

With some breaks in between, we continue travelling through the night, using the moonlight for guidance. And now, I can finally see it.

"We've finally come back to the demon king castle, huh. I hope Eve is doing fine." (*Kearuga*)

I can see the demon king castle. The dragons descend towards the courtyard of the demon king castle.

I've finally returned. I'll have plenty of love with Eve straight away now.

Guren's training is important too, but I'm the type that values his lover. I'll prioritise Eve. I guess I'll just play with Guren like yesterday, but in her girl form, and teach her the happiness of sex bit by bit by stimulating her erogenous zones.

Chapter 03: The healing magician embraces his lover

I've finally returned to the demon king castle where Eve is. It took longer than I thought it would.

I told her in advance through a letter that we were able to take control over the Dioral Kingdom without any problems. I kept an out of sight base to send letters to Eve when they come to Buranikka via Ranalitta. So, she shouldn't be that worried about us.

As the dragons land on the courtyard, demons appear to welcome us.

"Welcome back, Kearuga-sama." (*Demon*)

"Thanks for coming. Guide me to where Eve is now." (*Kearuga*)

"Yes!" (*Demon*)

The demons lower their heads.

I left behind a great achievement by defeating the demon king, and I'm also Eve's personal knight. So, I have a fitting position here.

As a personal knight, I'm allowed to do anything as long as it will benefit Eve. I can take out quite a budget if I ask for it, and I can even use the army. The special features of this status are that I'm allowed to kill and that if someone harms me, it's a treason to the demon king. Basically, I can do whatever I want.

"Demon king Eve Reese-sama is currently in a meeting. We will guide you to a room, so please wait there." (*Demon*)

"Okay. I'll do just that." (*Kearuga*)

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We enjoy tea and sweets in the room we were lead to.

It's interesting to taste the sweets in the demon territory, as they have slightly different flavours to the ones in the human world. The taste of the sugar itself is different. The tea is quite exciting in its own way. It's not bad.

"Meat tastes good, but sweet things taste good too!" (*Guren*)

We were given sweet scone-like things this time.

The kitsune cub is eating them one after the other. She calls herself a carnivore, but Guren is actually an omnivore.

"Nn. Quite tasty." (*Setsuna*)

"There was a strong, strange taste on my first bite, but it's quite good as you get used to it." (*Kureha*)

Setsuna and Kureha both seem to like it. On the other hand, Freya stopped after her first bite as it didn't suit her taste.

"Guren's stomach is full." (*Guren*)

The kitsune cub rolls into a ball and starts sleeping on top of a desk.

As I nonchalantly stroke her stomach and head, Guren purrs with an ecstatic face.

Fumu, it seems she's learnt that it feels good when I stroke her, as Guren entrusted me with her body without resisting. I've almost cleared the

first phase, as it has become normal for me to stroke her when there's a chance.

And once she unconditionally starts receiving my caress, I'll move onto the next one. I'll tell her that it will feel better to be stroked in her girl form, and if she accepts that, I'll stroke her body in suitable places and tell her that it will feel even better if I go deeper.

Since Guren's head is a bit off, I feel like she'll let me do it pretty easily. Deceiving a stupid child is fun and exciting in its own way.

There's an order to everything. If I just suddenly thrust 'that' into her, she'll get angry and that will be the end. I'll accumulate small steps. I'm used to being patient.

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After around half an hour had passed, the door opened. Eve appeared with her guards next to her.

Eve is as cute as ever. Her looks, body and black wings are all so lovely.

"You're finally back! Geez, you're late Kearuga." (*Eve*)

Eve runs up to me and hugs me.



"You probably shouldn't do this kind of stuff in front of your subordinates. They'll start underestimating you." (*Kearuga*)

"But we were separated for so long. I couldn't control myself." (*Eve*)
She hugs me strongly.

Not only was she lonely, I'm sure it must've been uneasy at the demon king castle.

"... Good grief, you're so selfish. I'll take over as the guard so you guys can go to another position." (*Kearuga*)

"Yes, understood." (*Guard*)

The demon guards leave the room.

After confirming the door is closed, I kiss her. It's an adult kiss. Eve entwines her leg around mine, wanting more.

I want to go ahead like this, but I need to talk to her about all sorts of things first. Otherwise, too many things will be on my mind that I won't be able to get engrossed in the deed.

"Eve, I'm glad you're doing well." (*Kearuga*)

"Me too. I was really worried, you know." (*Eve*)

I smile wryly. It's a reaction I couldn't even imagine she would give when I first met her. She gave a natural reaction as a lover.

In Eve's case, I gradually trained her without using brainwashing. Thanks to that, she was done pretty well.

"When we were at the Dioral Kingdom, we subjugated the existence that creates black knights and the Dioral king. And then, we left Ellen there to take hold of the Dioral Kingdom. How's the demon king castle going?" (*Kearuga*)

"I've been doing it just like you told me to. Taking in the power of the previous demon king, restoring public order, adjusting things to get ready for peace with humans. I can't say it's doing well, but it's advancing." (*Eve*)

Can't say it's doing well, huh. Well, I guess that makes sense.

"Is there an opposing force?" (*Kearuga*)

"Yeah, they're just opposing through discussions for now though. There were all sorts of factions in the races that were being persecuted, saying that we need to massacre everyone who received good treatment from the previous demon king, or things like peace with humans is impossible." (*Eve*)

That was within expectations.

There were many races that almost perished because of the persecution they received from the previous demon king. And, since the war with humans was so long, they have feelings they can't just shake off.

"... You'll have to keep discussing for a while. If it's still no good, then we'll have to use force." (*Kearuga*)

It's not like we can't solve things through power.

Eve is the demon king. One of the powers of a demon king is that they can give orders of absolute compliance to all demons and monsters. Since Eve is the demon king, no one can go against her.

However, it has many defects. It's a power that doesn't work if her words don't reach them, and it has no effect if there's no specific order.

There's nothing we can do about people that don't face Eve, there are many loopholes if they do things other than what was commanded through the order, forcefully ordering them will just stir hatred and there's a higher chance for people to plot rebellions in places where Eve can't see.

In the first place, she can't rule without their power. If they don't revolt or even do anything, it'll just become a bad situation.

"Standing above people is so difficult. Even though everyone came together to defeat the previous demon king, they all split up after winning."
(Eve)

"That's just how it is. Let alone each race, every single person has their own thoughts. The one that manages all of them is the demon king."
(Kearuga)

"That's true. It's a little tiring, but I'll do my best." (Eve)

I stroke Eve's head. Normally she would get angry at me, telling me to not treat her like a child, but this time she obediently accepted it.

"Then, I guess I'll use the special thing I prepared for you." (Kearuga)

I click my fingers. Then, two demon government officials appeared.

Eve becomes cautious, but I tell her it's okay. I had ordered them to show up straight away when I return.

"Here is my report. Kearuga-sama, the snow leopard tribe chief Kluccharra has started moving to cause a rebellion. They colluded with every race with a demon king candidate, and are currently preparing fighting power." (Government official)

A sudden big thing, huh.

The snow leopard tribe is one of the oppressed races that defeated the demon king with us, a sworn friend. The report continued on.

"They are currently in progress with a plan to drag in an assassin from the thorn turtle tribe." (Government official)

"The races that were with the previous demon king have been carrying out the asset confiscating plan Eve-sama refused." (Government official)

"Each tribe is trying to make themselves have higher positions, so exiling people with official positions with false charges are happening daily, and it has influenced the public order of the demon king territory."
(Government official)

"Several tribes have been demanding interviews for the merit system Eve-sama is leading. However, the interviews have become 90% of the evaluation since it depends on the interviewer, the merit system has not actually been working." (Government official)

"The red dog tribe asking for assistance for the towns that received war damage is embezzling. In the actual place, they are about to explode from discontent to the current demon king." (Government official)

I was sure the other tribes were doing whatever they please, but this is even worse than I had imagined. These two are under my control, and they tell me information that doesn't reach Eve.

They're puppets I made through **[Transformation Heal]** and all sorts of brainwashing techniques. By spreading puppets like these to every tribe, I can receive reports on the information they gathered.

Making every chief a puppet would be the fastest thing to do, but unfortunately, those types of people have a tough guard up, which means I have to massacre all their guards to brainwash them over a long period of time, so the risk is high.

That's why I chose people that had were alone and reasonably high statuses to build up the people under my control. Of course, since I love peace and justice, I don't brainwash unreasonably. I make sure to only choose the people that hold Eve or me in contempt. My conscience wouldn't hurt if I do it to those sorts of people.

Gaining information is the most important thing. No matter how much power I have, there's no point if I don't use it correctly, and I need information to use it correctly.

... This method is something I learnt from watching the hero of the **[Gun]**, Bullet. That shitty bastard's personality and fetish are lower than trash, but just his ability is outstanding.

"Thanks. I learnt a lot. You can return now." (*Kearuga*)

"Yes, Kearuga-sama." (*Government officials*)

"This is your reward." (*Kearuga*)

I throw candy at them.

Then, the two government officials start breathing roughly and jump at the candy rolling on the ground.

"Hahh hahh, Kearuga-sama's candy." (*Government official*)

"Delight! Passion! Unexpected! Joy! Climax!" (*Government official*)

They pick up the candy on the ground with their tongues and start licking it with expressions showing ecstasy.

Because of how deeply moved they were, their pants swelled out from becoming erect, and one of them wet his pants... It's kind of disgusting. I adjusted them too much.

As their candy disappears, they bow with awfully sad faces. I throw a bag with plenty of candy at them.

"This is for the other cooperators. Make sure to give it to them. I'll throw you guys away if you dare snatch it." (*Kearuga*)

"Ye-, yes, hahh hahhh, ahhh, I un, I understand. I will take care of everyone's portion. Won-, won't eat, Kearuga-sama's, won't eat, patience, patience nnnnnn." (*Government official*)

He's desperately enduring an intense feeling of arousal and the fear of being thrown away. Tears and saliva are spilling out, making an awful image.

I wave my hand, telling him to go already, and he leaves the room.

"Goshujinsama, what were those disgusting things?" (*Guren*)

"When I was in the demon king castle before, there were a bunch of people that came to harass me out of jealousy. So, after persuading them a little, they became my friends and started helping me out." (*Kearuga*)

"It wasn't at the level of just persuading! Are you going to do that stuff to Guren!? That's super scary!" (*Guren*)

"I won't, and I don't need to." (*Kearuga*)

Well, it's a lie though.

I made Freya and Ellen receive a full-course brainwash, and I haven't stopped giving them maintenance.

Although I haven't used **[Transformation Heal]** on Kureha, I have brainwashed her. On top of that, when I embrace her, she especially has weak spots in her heart when she climaxes, so I had always inserted my love into her.

That's my weakness. I can't trust my comrades if I don't go that far.

"Nn. Setsuna is Kearuga-sama's property. So, he can do anything to her. She can accept brainwashing if he wants to." (*Setsuna*)

"Well, I love Kearuga, so that kind of thing is unnecessary." (*Kureha*)

"I agree with Kureha. Even without those fake bonds, the love between Kearuga-sama and I are real!" (*Freya*)

I got shocked by Freya's words, but I don't think they're wrong. A real thing had piled up on top of a lie.

... I wonder what would happen if Flare regained her memories.

Her feelings of love when she was Freya might unexpectedly win over so she might continue staying by my side. Well, I don't want to destroy Freya after raising her this far. If I was going to do something like that, I would've done it when I executed the Dioral king. I like Freya so much that I would rather keep her with me than do something as fun as that.

"We derailed a bit, but Eve, we're in this kind of situation." (*Kearuga*)

"... I did imagine it, but it's even worse than I thought. I knew some people opposed it, but I didn't think even that person was part of it." (*Eve*)

Eve is depressed.

The information the two government officials gathered was just that shocking. The assassination plan, rebellion plan and every other thing. It was too much of a heavy reality for her.

"Don't worry. As long as you know about it beforehand, you can make counter-measures. We've actually got the perfect, reliable evidence to hold them down. I'll go destroy them. And then, I'll make an example out of them. While teaching them that Eve can see further than their imaginations, I'll also teach them what will happen if they become our enemies."
(*Kearuga*)

To put it simply, the reason why they're doing whatever they please like this is because they underestimate Eve. Then, we just have to show them that they're wrong. Unfortunately, nothing can be gained from appealing to them, so we have no choice but to show Eve's power.

“Okay. I’ll do that. Help me, Kearuga.” *(Eve)*

“Of course. They’re the type of people that would hurt my lover, so there’s no way I can forgive them. ... First, let’s go to the bedroom. We can start moving when the time comes.” *(Kearuga)*

I kiss Eve and carry her in my arms.

Eve’s body is hot, so she must have been anticipating it quite a lot. Well then, I did want to enjoy some revenge after so long, but there are more idiots than I expected.

Now I should be able to distract my boredom.

While embracing Eve, I’ll think about how I can punish the people that tried to kill my lover.

I’m sure that will be very very exciting.

Chapter 04: The healing magician purges

As I returned to the demon king territory, I was informed of the betrayal from our followers. It made me feel a little down, but I also felt that it couldn't be helped anyway.

Strife and betrayal happen even between people of the same race.

The Dioral Kingdom, a human-only country, was torn from the inside, and other countries are trying to attack it, taking advantage of their situation. I can feel relieved since I left Ellen behind there, but we don't have anyone like her in the demon king territory to hold them down.

The unified hearts of the persecuted races broke up into pieces, now that the previous demon king is gone. When the previous demon king was only just defeated, they saw Eve as a champion, but now there are even people that think of the kokuyoku race as a hindrance in making their own race prosper.

... There was a reason for that.

The kokuyoku race had received especially terrible persecution from the previous demon king, turning them into a puny race with hardly any survivors, land or assets remaining. No one would want to obediently follow a puny race, even if they produce demon king candidates. 'Danger past, god forgotten.' Once that happens, they start doing whatever they want to.

"They're so stupid." (*Kearuga*)

If they didn't do anything, they would've continued receiving favour as a race that helped defeat the previous demon king, but now they're losing everything to greed.

They're probably trying to assassinate Eve to make their own demon king candidate become the next demon king, despite not knowing which demon king candidate will be chosen next. Or maybe they're just going to killing until their demon king candidate becomes the demon king.

"Kearugaa." (*Eve*)

Eve rubs her cheek against my chest while talking in a fawning voice. Since I gave her plenty of love, she became tired and went to sleep.

Eve is the only one I don't use contraception for. There's nothing to worry about since she doesn't journey with me like the other girls, and we need to increase the population of the kokuyoku race.

Even I want a child since it's a symbol of happiness. If I were to become a father, I would pour all my affection into my child.

I stroke Eve's head as I fall asleep. I'll have to start working from tomorrow.

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I awaken to my wake-up call like always. My back is trembling from pleasure.

"Morning, Setsuna." (*Kearuga*)

"Nn, good morning. It's thin today. Setsuna is jealous of Eve. She was given so much love." (*Setsuna*)

Regardless of how fast I recover, if I exceed my limit the day before, it'll inevitably become thin. Since Setsuna does this every day, she seems to be able to tell how hard I went yesterday from the difference in taste.

I shake Eve.

"Kearuga, is it morning already?" (*Eve*)

"Yeah, morning. Well then, I've finished relaxing. It's time for work. I'm going to eliminate the enemy, so I want your permission." (*Kearuga*)

I'm a gentle person, so I usually don't hurt other people unless they do something to me first. However, I don't hesitate at all against anyone that tries to harm me or my women.

I'll clean them up at once. From the moment they decided to harm Eve, they were already my revenge targets. It's worthy of death.

"Sure. Rather, I'm happy you're going to do that. But don't do anything too terrible, okay? Those people are our comrades after all." (*Eve*)

"I can't do that. If I don't punish them completely, other people will get cocky. By punishing them as tragically as possible, there won't have to be any more victims. A severe punishment is necessary to guarantee your safety and to keep the sacrifices to the minimum. Besides, they aren't our comrades any more. Saying they 'were' is correct, since they bared their teeth at you." (*Kearuga*)

Since Eve is kinder than me, she would try to cover for all the traitors if I don't go this far. And yet, she's still worrying. I hate the people that tried to take advantage of Eve's naivety. I'll have to harden my heart for her.

"So it's really necessary, right?" (*Eve*)

"To make sure you don't get killed, yeah. Do you understand what would happen if they killed you? Everything that we restored at great pains, is all going to come to nothing. The system will change entirely, causing chaos and a war of dominance to start, making thousands of people shed blood." (*Kearuga*)

"That's true. Okay, do it mercilessly, however you want to. That's why I made you my direct knight." (*Eve*)

Good girl.

I stroke her head. I'll go make the people that scorn Eve see hell.

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After gathering even more detailed information from my pets, I went outside, taking Kureha and Setsuna with me. It'll definitely break into a fight, so being with them is safer, and I want to raise Setsuna's level too.

There's a group doing public works behind the demon king castle, so I head to them.

Only the snow leopard race is working on it. They're a race of therianthropes that have a light layer of blue fur on their bodies. The snow leopard race is fairly close to humans in appearance, but their slender bodies, slanted blue eyes and blue hair gives off a sharp impression.

As I ask the man and woman in command what they're doing, they timidly said they're repairing the wall that broke from the battle some time ago.

That makes me laugh.

According to the information my pets gathered, they're making an underground tunnel while pretending to be repairing the wall, to drag people opposing the demon king into the castle.

"I see. Good work. Here are some refreshments." (*Kearuga*)

I brought ice-chilled citrus fruits for them.

It's one of the treats that labourers are most pleased with, as the acidity hydrates dry throats and cures their fatigue.

"Direct knight, I am grateful for this. Thank you." (*Snow leopard man*)

As I pass it to the man, I activate **[Recovery Heal]** to read his memories.

My pets are excellent and faithful, but there are times where they could be wrong. I'm not foolish nor inhuman enough to hand judgement down to someone with no conviction.

After reading his memories, I smile, draw my sword and behead him.

The woman screams.

"Kyaaaaaaaaa, Kamun, Kamun was!" (*Snow leopard woman*)

"Treason against the demon king has a death penalty. You reported false information to the demon king's direct knight." (*Kearuga*)

I only drew my sword once I was sure that he's guilty by reading his memories.

Ignoring the woman's scream, I walk past her and use magic to blow off the impromptu tarpaulin that was supposedly made to cover all the baggage.

Then, I see a dug up hole and people of the snow leopard race desperately digging it. That was an awfully sloppy concealment.

"I came here because I heard there were idiots plotting the demon king's assassination. I also heard that those idiots were making a tunnel to pull in fighting power from outside. In reality, there is a tunnel here. That man was lying, so I had to kill him." (*Kearuga*)

I smile at the woman.

"N-no, that's, um, something we were doing that's necessary for the foundation, and you might not understand it, but it's technic-." (*Snow leopard woman*)

Her mouth stopped there.

It's because my sword touched her throat, cutting her skin.

"Fumu, do you think I'm stupid enough to fall for lies like that? In addition to lying to me, you even slighted me, so a lenient punishment like the one I gave that man won't be enough. I'll have to torture you until you start pleading me to kill your family, friends and people you love. And, I'll do just that in front of your eyes, with you meeting the same fate at the end." (*Kearuga*)

I felt killing intent from the people of the snow leopard race that heard me say that.

Their eyes are saying, 'I have to kill you, now that it's exposed.'

In the next moment, they had started to move.

As demons that had the nature of a leopard, the fastest creature in the world, they rushed at me swiftly.

However...

"Did you not even question why I came with only these two? **It's because we're enough to take you on.**" (*Kearuga*)

There were six people from the snow leopard race attacking us, wherein five were beheaded by Kureha and skewered by Setsuna. The last one was able to reach me, but I simply made him turn into ashes with fire magic.

Our levels are just too different. These guys are strong, but compared to us, level 50 is just too weak.

The only remaining person was the woman in command.

"Now, here's a question. Why do you think I let you live?" (*Kearuga*)

"I-I don't know." (Snow leopard woman)

She trembled as she racked her mind to think of a way to escape.

However, there's not even the slightest chance for her to do that.

Setsuna and Kureha moved to block her escape routes.

"Saying you don't understand when you don't understand is a virtue. Very well. I'll teach you. It'll be over if I kill you after all. Your boss will probably say that you guys did it of your own accord and that some other race probably bribed you with money. They might even apologise as a representative of their race." (*Kearuga*)

That's for sure.

Like a lizard cutting off its tail, they'll treat it as an individual problem, instead of the race's problem.

"Once that happens, the snow leopard's political strength will fall, but that's not taking responsibility properly. Leaving it like that would trouble me. I need someone that would make a testimony, saying that the whole snow leopard race supported it. Besides, I want to know the races you guys are working with." (*Kearuga*)

"I, I can't do, something like that." (Snow leopard woman)

"Fumu, you're more faithful than I thought. You know that you're going to get cut off, right? If I ask for it, your boss will happily present your family to me, alright? They don't care about you, but if you cooperate with me instead, I can promise you the safety of your family." (*Kearuga*)

"... This is something I did under my own will!" (Snow leopard woman)

It seems like she won't change her way of thinking even after being threatened this far.

She must love her race that much.

She knows that if she makes that testimony, her whole race would either be purged or at least taken off from their current position, where they have

control in the government. That's why she's fine with sacrificing herself and her family.

What a beautiful self-sacrificing mind.

I'm glad to see that. It would decrease my enjoyment if she was obedient from the start.

"I see, it can't be helped then. I'll persuade you until you change your mind. I'm good at that. Come on, don't be so scared. Fortunately, you're beautiful so I can persuade you in a way that'll feel good for you too."

(Kearuga)

I'm confident in my ability to persuade others. With my special potion, I can make her obedient in one shot, but I have time and I feel like playing. I'll keep trying all sorts of things without relying on the medicine.

The woman bites her tongue in an attempt to suicide. It blocks her throat, closing up her air duct. She should die within a few minutes like that.

However, unfortunately for her, I'm the greatest healing magician in this world.

"[Recovery Heal]" (Kearuga)

If the other person doesn't die instantly, I can immediately restore them back to normal with **[Recovery Heal]**.

She made a dumbfounded face from being healed, so I smashed her teeth with my fist, which made her unable to try to commit suicide any more.

"Let's go to the dungeon. I remade one of the rooms to become a room where I can make anyone end up wanting to spill everything. I'm sure you would be lonely alone, so I'll get your friends to come too." *(Kearuga)*

I walk while dragging along the snow leopard woman as she struggles violently.

She's standing out a bit. If this disturbance reached the higher-ups of the snow leopard race, they'll probably conceal the evidence, so I should order my pets to interrupt them.

I'm going to be busy playing with this woman after all.

"After I bring your friends to you, what do you think will happen next? I'll make you talk about everything in front of the ten chiefs ruling the government with the demon king. Well, our princess is kind, so she probably won't massacre everyone." *(Kearuga)*

I'm sure about that, which is why I'm going to be the one that's strict. I'll make everyone involved in this incident see hell. This is my first revenge after a while.

The snow leopard woman has an adult charm that Setsuna and the others don't have. I prefer girls, but tasting adult women from time to time isn't bad. Besides, her heart seems pretty strong and she will probably resist until the very end. It would be boring to play with her otherwise.

We arrive at the dungeon. The snow leopard woman is making a pale face from seeing all the toys in the room.

Now, the game has started.
I wonder how long you will last?

Chapter 05: The healing magician exposes their sins

The demon king castle is overgrown with traitors, so I need to do a major cleanup.

I first aimed at the snow leopard race, because they were being the most outrageous by trying to revolt. I was going to make a blood festival out of the ringleader, but their plans, methods and just everything is too crude that I feel let down. Honestly, they're insane.

Although they did make some simple concealments just in case, there's definitely something wrong with them considering they were digging the tunnel in broad daylight. Well, it just goes to show how much they underestimate Eve.

That needs to be fixed, or else other races will start to cause revolts too.

I caught the snow leopard woman that was in charge of the tunnel digging. It's good that she's a beautiful, human-like woman. If she had a leopard's head, even I wouldn't do it. I can enjoy torturing her.

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I punched the screaming snow leopard woman to silence her and took her to the special room in the dungeon. It's a dungeon full of toys.

I already made Setsuna and Kureha return, since I don't want them to see me playing with her.

Just in case, I did ask her to be honest with me, but she didn't say anything so I reluctantly started interrogating her. I tried out all the toys in the room on her.

Some of them were handmade, so it was exciting to try out each one. Doing this has other benefits too. Just like how I want to embrace mature women from time to time, Setsuna and the others would lose interest if there's never any change.

And so, toys are perfect for adding changes.

But I needed to try out the toys because I wouldn't have known if the girls would like it or not. Since they're too obedient, they say it feels good even if it doesn't or even if it hurts. That's not good. So, I'm trying them out since I have someone to torture.

It doesn't matter if these toys break so I can use them as hard as I want.

After half a day, she fainted with a vacant expression while spilling drool and all sorts of other fluids.

I guess this is enough for today.

She probably can't even talk properly, so I'll come again tomorrow.

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Four days have passed since I started trying to persuade her.

She was quite tight-lipped, so the interrogation dragged on. Well, I did other necessary things to corner the snow leopard race too.

I already got information about the other cooperating races and made this woman call them. All of those fools got tricked by that, so I captured them all and put them in a different prison.

Unfortunately, all the messengers from the other races were all men so I couldn't play with them.

I quickly made them take drugs to tell me everything, and made my pets take care of them until their turn came.

I've come to the dungeon today as well.

As I sit down on a chair and cross my legs, the naked snow leopard woman came, took off my shoes and socks without saying anything and started cleaning my toes with her tongue. Her tail was swinging from excitement for what's about to happen.

I've gotten pretty good at using the toys too. I can train her without relying on drugs.

This time, I tried using my brainwashing and medical techniques.

I was pretty good at both of them. With **[Recovery Heal]**, I found out her weak spots, and intently teased only those parts.

Then, I tried out brainwashing. By doing it over and over again, she became my puppet.

"So, do you feel like talking now?" (*Kearuga*)

"Yes, master, I will talk about anything." (*Snow leopard woman*)

She looked at me with lust-filled eyes.

Letting me play with her is no longer interrogation, but a reward for her.



"Fumu, then tell me everything about the snow leopard race's plan."
(*Kearuga*)

"Immediately. The truth is..." (*Snow leopard woman*)

The plan almost went exactly how I thought it would be. It matches what I heard from the guys that were thrown in the other prison. No one told any lies. There's no difference to the fragmentary bits I heard when the brainwashing was imperfect, either.

Once she finished telling me everything, she started sorrowfully rubbing her face against the place women want the most. It's strange, because she looks cute when she's like this.

Well, I'm not going to give her love or have her join us. It's just, having a mature, beautiful woman I can do whenever I want, is good.

"I want you to do something for me. Don't you think the snow leopard race's sins should be atoned for?" (*Kearuga*)

"Of course. For the sake of peace between demons. Please let me help you as much as I can, direct knight of the demon king." (*Snow leopard woman*)

I was going to dispose of her once I finished using her, but keeping her would probably be better so that I can play with her whenever I return to the demon king castle. That all depends on today though.

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In this castle, there's a council called the ten race council, which is carried out by the ten races that have the most power in the current demon king regime, where Eve can make the final decision. I'm also participating in this place where the representatives of the ten races are reporting to Eve.

I listen to the chiefs reporting with their heads down. There wasn't anything important, and Eve acknowledged them one after the other.

"Demon king Eve Reese-sama, this is everything for today's case. Now, let us-." (*Demon*)

"No, there's something I want to talk about today. Everyone, stay here for a while longer." (*Eve*)

The ten chiefs become suspicious from hearing Eve's words.

"This is the peace we finally obtained through defeating the previous demon king. And yet, there were some rude people that tried to destroy that out of their own selfishness, so I will have their race come off the ten race council. The chief and the others in important positions will be executed, and their whole race will be driven away to a pioneering village." (*Eve*)

The chiefs started panicking. Many of them had a rough idea of which race it was.

"Demon king Eve Reese-sama, which race will be exiled?" (*Demon*)

"The snow leopard race. They were planning a rebellion with the ground monkey and armour machine race that had power in the previous demon king's reign. They were even trying to make an underground tunnel to drag those two in. That is unpardonable." (*Eve*)

Everyone here looked at the snow leopard race's chief.

"That is not true. We were only working on repairing the castle walls. Despite that, we received a report that the direct knight of the demon king over there, unreasonably attacked us! This is too excessive of an accusation." (*Snow leopard chief*)

I knew this was coming too. The snow leopard race knows that I attacked the guys who were digging the tunnel.

It's been four days since then. They probably did their best to destroy the evidence and think of an excuse.

Well, I came here to corner them.

I click my fingers.

Then, the soldiers of the demon king army bring along the people of the ground monkey and armour machine race. They're the ones that were called by the snow leopard woman.

"Chief of the snow leopard race, Sulno. Do you recognise these people?" (*Kearuga*)

"I don't know them." (*Sulno*)

"I see, then do you guys know this man?" (*Kearuga*)

The men of the ground monkey and armour machine race point at Sulno.

"I know him! That guy made an offer to us! He said we could take back our former power!" (*Demon*)

"Us, too. Weapons, food give, creep in castle, promise." (*Demon*)

They said that the snow leopard race made the offer and planned to kill the demon king. It was all in detail, about the snow leopard's cajolement, the aid they received, the rich towns in the demon king territory, the plans to make looting them easy and so on.

They were all things everyone in this place had ideas of. Especially the attacks from the previous demon king, as they always aimed at when the security would be low.

Drugs are easier. It took three days to make that woman obedient, but only one hour for these guys.

"The ground monkey and armour machine race are under my control. I have a lot of evidence that has to do with the snow leopard race too. Should I line them up for you here? Or do you still intend on saying that it is an accusation?" (*Kearuga*)

I didn't spend the four days just training the woman.

These guys are already being held down. To erase the evidence, the snow leopard race cut all contact with other races, so they didn't realise it.

"That's, that's all made up! That man there must have told them to say it to frame me." (*Sulno*)

"I still have more evidence if you want." (*Kearuga*)

I click my fingers, and the snow leopard woman I trained, came out.

Sulno's face became stiff. He probably thought I killed her.

"Our snow leopard race has done something unforgivable. Thanks to the direct knight of the demon king, Kearuga-sama, I was able to remember what justice is. I will now talk about everything." (*Snow leopard woman*)

She confessed everything.

"That is also made up." (*Sulno*)

This is getting hard to watch.

I still have another hand to play. The chief of a different race raised his hand.

"We declined, but the snow leopard race did indeed try to make us join their revolt. I thought it was a joke back then, but it seems he was being serious." (*Demon*)

"We also know something about it. The snow leopard race was in charge of the security for the village that was attacked last month." (*Demon*)

"You bastard! You sold us out!" (*Sulno*)

It's decided. The other chiefs started blaming the snow leopard race.

I somehow endure laughing.

This is actually something I prepared too. In return for overlooking them, I told the people who committed minor sins, to blame the snow leopard race. I also told them I would announce their sins and exile them if they opposed me.

Although the snow leopard race expected me to accuse them, they didn't think the other nine races would attack them too.

"It's decided. I order you under demon king Eve Reese's name. The snow leopard race will be exiled to a remote, pioneering village. Chief Sulno and the other people in important positions, will be executed through granbelk." (*Eve*)

Multiple people turned pale from hearing granbelk.

It's the most gruesome form of execution in the demon king territory. I've seen it one time before.

Like this, the snow leopard race's judgement was decided.

As for the woman who repented by honestly saying everything, she's going to remain in the demon king castle. Ravishing her is perfect if I want a change of pace.

I'll take out my pent-up anger on these pigs.

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The next day, granbelk had started at once. Many demons had come to see the snow leopards get executed through granbelk in the castle town for their sins.

In the castle town, there's an execution site with a huge jail you can see from outside.

Demon dog Gran is in that jail.

Then, naked people of the snow leopard race were thrown in there with their hands tied together. All their teeth were broken off so they wouldn't be able to bite off their tongues.

Eve rose onto a platform.

"The judgement of the people who tried to destroy this peace will now begin. Sear the sight of these offenders in your eyes." *(Eve)*

Demon dog Gran rushed at the snow leopard race.

It ripped off and ate them, starting from the legs.

Screams resound in the jail. The pain and fear of being eaten alive are tremendous.

A dog is going to eat and kill them. It's cruel, but you wouldn't think this is the most gruesome execution.

However, demon dog Gran has a terrifying trait.

It licks the wounds once it eats to some extent, which makes the blood stop coming out. Then, demon dog Gran put its tongue into the snow leopards' mouths to make them drink something, and started napping.

"Eve, how long does this go on for?" *(Kearuga)*

"Around two weeks, since demon dog Gran doesn't eat much." *(Eve)*

Demon dog Gran preciousy ate the prey it was given, little by little. Furthermore, it kept them alive to keep the freshness.

When demon dog Gran licks wounds, the blood stops.

The paralysis poison it made them swallow made the snow leopard race unable to even budge, and suppressed their metabolism to the limit so that they wouldn't die through starvation or dehydration.

It eats them little by little over a period of two weeks. There's no crueller execution method than this.

The snow leopard race tried to kill Eve, so they deserve it. Eve has a pale face. I take her to a deserted place where no one can see her, and she starts breathing roughly while sweating from her forehead.

"Do you not feel good?" *(Kearuga)*

"I didn't really want to use this execution method. My relatives were done in by this, after all." *(Eve)*

"Sorry, I shouldn't have ordered you to kill them in a cruel way."
(Kearuga)

I embrace Eve.

Eve leans her face into my chest.

"It's okay, as long as we don't have to kill any more people. I can endure this much." *(Eve)*

"Yeah, you won't have to. No one will make light of you and think you're a girl that doesn't understand anything." *(Kearuga)*

By showing them the snow leopard race's plans were all leaked, everyone will realise that we've seen through them. And we even showed them that Eve won't hesitate to execute someone if necessary.

If they still plan on causing a revolt, they're either extremely stupid or have enough confidence in themselves to do it without anyone realising. In the case of the latter, I can take care of it.

"Now, let's go home. I'll comfort you on top of the bed." *(Kearuga)*

"Kearuga, that's all you think about!" *(Eve)*

"Do you dislike it?" *(Kearuga)*

"No, I don't dislike it. Give me plenty of love today..." (*Eve*)

Of course, that's what I was planning to do.

I'll pour plenty of it in Eve today.

A tingling current runs across my neck.

... This usually means something is going to happen. I'll be more careful than usual.

Chapter 06: The healing magician loves his pet

Half a month has passed since I came to the demon king castle. Thanks to my purging, it's peaceful inside.

Starting with the snow leopard race, I got to every single traitor. I've been killing everyone who pulled pranks that I couldn't overlook, but today's the last notable target I have to take care of.

To be frank, I want to deal with everyone that wants to harm Eve, but the governing will be affected if I just go executing people for even the smallest sins. Well, seeing the idiots be gruesomely executed, will probably silence the others that were only doing minor things. I should finish my last case.

"I'm, I'm sorry, I just did it on a whim! It's true, please, believe me!"
(*Wind weasel chief*)

The chief of the wind weasel race pleaded desperately in front of the throne Eve sits in.

How sad. The wind weasel race was one of the first three races that I judged to be innocent in the star rabbit race's village, and I really thought they were our comrades.

I didn't want the iron hog race, flame horse race and wind weasel race to betray us, and it pains me to execute one of them.

However, I can't just overlook them. These guys sent an assassin to Eve.

I throw the assassin's freshly severed head in front of him. Seeing that, the wind weasel race's chief falls on his bottom.

"Hiii!? ahhh, uuuuu—" (*Wind weasel chief*)

The demon king is supposedly invincible against demons and monsters, but really, the demon king can only make others listen. A demon king can lose their life if they receive an attack from a blind spot, or while they're sleeping. There's no way I can forgive them.

Unlike the snow leopard race, the wind weasel race has the appearance of a two-legged weasel, so I can't make them into my toys, and they're beyond saving.

"Demon king Eve Reese-sama, direct knight of the demon king, we, we have always been working together until now! Without our workings, demon king Eve Reese-sama would not be here! Please forgive my single error, I just gave in to the urge! Please, we are comrades of war, right!?" (*Wind weasel chief*)

Eve is making a poker face, but she's extremely agitated. She's trying to say something, but her voice isn't coming out... This weakness is her flaw, but also a lovely part of her.

Setsuna, Freya, Kureha and Ellen would be able to settle it easily. However, Eve can't, and I want her to stay like that. So, I'll do it instead of her.

"You're *the one* that tried to kill her, despite being so-called 'comrades of war'. If the assassination succeeded, what would you have done? You probably would've been laughing with demon king Eve Reese's head in front of you. **Give up. You're going to die incredibly brutally.....** take him away." (*Kearuga*)

The elite guards appeared and took him away.

Although the chief started struggling, the elite guards punched him to silence him. Even though he's the chief of one of the top ten races, they're treating him like a criminal without any honour.

I created these elite guards in these past few days. I made small changes to their body with **[Transformation Heal]**, optimising them to suit their own fighting style. On top of that, I removed every single illness or injury that would affect their performance and enhanced their muscles, skeletal structure and reflexes.

As for their minds, I used drugs and brainwashing to make them swear absolute loyalty to Eve and me. I made them in case something were to happen to Eve while I was away.

Underestimating their loyalty, some people tried to bribe the guards, but the guards reported the names of the fools who tried to do so. However, I did make a few of them pretend to be bribed and ordered them to circulate the information we're fine with circulating.

"Everyone, this is all for today..... I have a request. Don't let me do any more terrible things. I don't want to do these things, and I'll only do them if it's necessary." (*Eve*)

All the races there prostrated themselves before her.

This is the end of the purge.

There are no more criminals that committed major crimes. As for the people I've overlooked, I'll send them a letter with Eve's name engraved on them, and say that I'll forgive their minor crimes for now. However, I'll also say that they'll end up like the snow leopard race and the wind weasel race if they go any further.

Of course, if they don't go quiet from that, I'll have no choice but to destroy them.

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Afterwards, I gave Eve plenty of love in her room.

When tough things happen, Eve always seeks for me without even waiting for night to come.

In those times, Eve is passionate and has more fun than usual. We've even done it in the demon king's throne when no one else was there. That really turned me on.

Eve fell asleep, so I kissed her forehead and left the room.

In my own room, I read a letter that came from Buranikka, the town where demons and humans coexist. I have a base in Buranikka where information from Ranalitta and the Dioral Kingdom get sent to the demon king castle.

"Ellen's amazing." (*Kearuga*)

I read the report Ellen sent me.

She already seized the entire Dioral Kingdom. She's also making a system where there would be no problems even when she's absent, and it seems like it'll be fine if we meet up in half a month's time.

Furthermore, she also wrote about the Grantsbach Empire. From the flow of people and goods, she said they're most likely preparing for war.

As expected of her. Even though she wasn't told about what's happening behind the scenes in the Grantsbach Empire, she predicted that from just the information she gained.

I write a letter to the feudal lord of Ranalitta, telling him to teach Ellen everything he knows about the Grantsbach Empire's movements. Ellen should be able to take the correct actions with the right information.

Other than that, Ellen even gave me advice for cleaning trash inside the demon king castle in her letter. The reason why my cleaning has gone so smoothly so far is mostly because of her advice.

Ellen's plans are always efficient since she excels at making tactics to fold and tie people's hearts down.

"Apart from that..." (*Kearuga*)

I received a letter from the feudal lord of Ranalitta and the informant.

The feudal lord of Ranalitta sent me additional information about his own take of the Dioral Kingdom's reconstruction state and the Grantsbach Empire's movements.

The informant wrote that there a person who was thought to be Bullet was in the Grantsbach Empire and that that person bought the most expensive boy on the black market.

Those two pieces of information are connected, which means Bullet must be in the Grantsbach Empire, and that he has something to do with the war. There's no way he would buy an expensive boy as a fugitive, so he's probably being treated as a guest in the Grantsbach Empire.

Trying to not associate war with it is harder.

"Well then, what to do." (*Kearuga*)

The fastest, easiest thing to do would be to enter the Grantsbach Empire.

Bullet gets tired of things easily, and he's fussy about his tastes too. There's no way he would be satisfied with just one young boy, so he'll definitely buy more.

If the informant keeps staying on watch, I can ambush and attack him. Otherwise, I could attack his base. Smashing up his new collection would be amusing.

I try not to involve people that aren't related to my revenge, but boys that are in his clutches are just broken obedient pets.

It must be painful for them to keep living like that. Killing them will save them. I'm saving people while also damaging Bullet, so I'm killing two birds

with one stone. Apart from that, I could move to Ranalitta or the Dioral Kingdom, make preparations and then ambush him.

... No, I probably shouldn't do that.

He might do something with the **[Philosopher's Stone]**. I should take measures as fast as possible.

After collecting a bit more information, I'll enter the Grantsbach Empire.

I write three letters and make the elite guards send them to the base in Buranikka. All that's left is for my subordinates in Buranikka to do well.

Well then, I've got nothing to do now. Should I watch the wind weasel race's execution? The wind weasel race worked hard during the war so I won't make them go through something tragic like letting a dog eat them bit by bit every day.

I'm just going to have their race **kill each other**. This is a popular execution method in the demon king territory, where naked criminals get imprisoned in a colosseum ring.

A barrier is made so they can't get out of the ring. They all fight until there's only one person remaining, and that last person gets sold as a slave. If they don't kill each other, they'll just all happily starve to death.

I've never seen it before, but I heard it's pretty gruesome since they're not allowed to use weapons. Even the people that say they won't kill anyone, definitely kill their friends to be released from their dehydration and hunger.

It's quite an interesting idea, but it'll only get exciting a few days later, so there's no point going to see it right now.

As I thought about what I should do, I heard a knock on the door. It seems like the elite guards came.

"Direct knight of the demon king, the thing we talked about earlier has been completed." (*Elite Guard*)

"Hou, that was faster than I expected. Let's go." (*Kearuga*)

Since I've been overworking myself recently, I prepared a reward for myself. If I use it and find it satisfactory, I'll have Eve enjoy it too. I don't think Eve has used one before.

I carry the fox cub that was sleeping on my bed.

"Goshujinsama, where are we going?" (*Guren*)

"Guren, we're going to the bath. It's a natural hot spring. I found a hot spring below the demon king castle, so I had my subordinates make a bath out of it." (*Kearuga*)

I used alchemy magic to dig it out and make the foundations, but I forced them to do the finishing touches and the troublesome parts. I heard that capable people had been gathered to make it, so I'm looking forward to it.

"Good job! Guren loves baths! Take her, quick!" (*Guren*)

Guren loves baths. I remember her happily enjoying it and dog paddling in it at Ranalitta.

Now, let's go. I want to feel good too.

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The underground hot spring exceeded my expectations.

Warm water was gushing forth into a bathtub made of high quality, smooth rocks giving off a black gloss.

"It's a hot spring! Fox, full speed ahead!" *(Guren)*

Guren jumped out of my arms and swims in the warm water happily. I follow after her.

This is a good bath. From what I saw with my **[Jade Eye]**, it seems to be good for recovering from fatigue. Herbs with a relaxing effect float up in the water. It's warming me up and giving off a refreshing smell.

"I'll have Setsuna and the others enjoy this once they get back."
(Kearuga)

"Yeah. It's wide and it feels good." *(Guren)*

Setsuna and the others are raising their levels outside. Us heroes levelled up in one go, but Setsuna's level is still low. It's been her daily routine recently to raise her level outside the demon king castle.

Feeling tired from swimming, Guren started lying back and floating. I pulled her towards me and massage her.

Guren's weak point is the base of her tail, so I massage her while concentrating on that part.

"The hot spring is good too, but goshujinsama's rubby-rubby is the best. This is paradise." *(Guren)*

She's so tired that she's just floating in the bath.

"Hey Guren, did you know the massage will feel even better if you're in your girl form?" *(Kearuga)*

"Really?" *(Guren)*

"Yeah, since there are points that foxes don't have, so if you go in your girl form, I can make it feel even better." *(Kearuga)*

Guren's fox ears stretch out. She took her girl form without being cautious of me.

Despite looking young, Guren actually has a lot of grown parts, and she has an unworldly beauty too. She's a lot more feminine than Setsuna, and I can't get enough of the imbalance between her childishness and her sexiness. Her skin lets my hand stick to it, and she smells good. It's the type of smell that draws in men.

"Guren gives you the right to massage her as much as you want!"
(Guren)

"As you wish. Is that what I was supposed to say?" *(Kearuga)*

"Yeah!" *(Guren)*

Starting with the base of her tail, I even go to a dangerous area and stimulate her erogenous zone.

"Ah, nn, that part, feels warm." *(Guren)*

"I see. That means it feels good." *(Kearuga)*

She doesn't hate it no matter where I touch and her voice is gradually becoming sexier. Massaging a pure girl like this has a sense of immorality, which is nice.

"Goshujinsama, you're amazing. Guren feels hot from the insides of her body." (*Guren*)

I've made her completely ready from the massage and the hot spring.

Well then, I guess I'll be tasting Guren's body soon. I continue massaging every part of her body, from the outside to the inside.

There's nothing cuter than a stupid child. That was the moment I first understood the meaning behind that phrase.



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Twenty minutes later, Guren was completely drained of her strength, and she was making intoxicated eyes. She's leaning on me and it doesn't look like she can stand up.

I carry her in my arms and take her out of the bathtub. Guren rubs her tail against me. This is my first time seeing her behave like this.

"Goshujinsama, it felt too good that Guren doesn't remember anything."
(Guren)

"Then let's do it again tomorrow. Hopefully, you remember it properly next time." (Kearuga)

"Yeah, can't wait." (Guren)

Guren's eyes are that of a female.

Seems like the training went well. I'm going to keep training her from now on.

Chapter 07: The healing magician obtains an unexpected treasure

Recently, I always see demons being fearful of me when I take walks.... I guess it can't be helped, considering I purged and threatened so many people.

Well, at least it's become peaceful now since no one wants to harm Eve. The number of my subordinates has increased too, but since no information is coming up from them, I can have a peace of mind.

That reminds me, something interesting happened earlier.

Not liking the fact that I had too much power from being the direct knight of the demon king, people started saying that I'm not worthy of having that position. So, candidates were elected from each race to decide on the new direct knight of the demon king. Apparently, the strongest person would be worthy of being the direct knight.

The rules were simple. All the candidates would gather in the Colosseum and kill each other so the person that survives until the end would become the direct knight.

I laughed at how everyone went towards me as it started... it went just as I expected.

By dealing with everyone quickly, I showed off my power. Not a single person complains about me being the direct knight of the demon king any more. That's probably another reason why they fear me.

"Kearuga-sama, you look lonely." (*Setsuna*)

"It doesn't feel good when people fear you. I didn't want to kill them, and I wouldn't do anything unreasonable if my opponent isn't a bad person."
(*Kearuga*)

They're misunderstanding something since I don't like seeing blood, nor am I a pervert that enjoys hurting others. I just did it because it was necessary.

"Nn. Setsuna knows you are kind, Kearuga-sama." (*Setsuna*)

Good girl. I stroke her head.

Using my **[Jade Eye]**, I look at Setsuna's level.

"Setsuna, your level went up so high, you could probably win against most heroes alone." (*Kearuga*)

"Nn. Setsuna worked hard because she needs to be strong enough to help Kearuga-sama." (*Setsuna*)

All the monsters around the demon king castle have high levels. Having high levels means they give high experience points too. Since she gains eight times those experience points from the being in a party with Freya, Kureha and I with the hero's bonus, that much growth is only natural.

She's currently close to level 70, and since I raise her level limit every morning by filling her up, she still has extra levels to gain.

If I remember correctly, our hero party when we challenged the demon king in the first world was a bit higher than level 70. Considering the talent values too, Setsuna is stronger than that hero party in the first world.

... No, I guess that's going too far.

Those three heroes had an overwhelming advantage as people who possess **[Divine Arms]**.

"Let's go back to the Dioral Kingdom soon. I don't have anything more to do here anyway." (*Kearuga*)

Other than ensuring Eve's safety, I also came here to advance the peace between demons and humans, but it seems like the Grantsbach Empire is going to start a war against the Dioral Kingdom.

Making peace will have to wait a little longer. Trying to make peace with demons while fighting against other humans wouldn't even be funny as a joke.

Freya nodded strongly to my words.

"Yes! I think that will be good. I want to return to the Dioral Kingdom." (*Freya*)

She's probably looking forward to it because there are cosmetics and sweets that can be bought there, but not here.

If we go to Buranikka, we could probably get some, but it takes too long if we order it to be brought here, and the lineup isn't that great.

It might be nice to start a business once peace is made. I could sell cosmetics and white sugar to the demons, and sell spices and jewels to the humans. Pioneers always earn enormous fortunes, after all.

"Freya, tell Kureha that we might leave tomorrow... I wanted to take it easy here, but I have to do what I have to do." (*Kearuga*)

The hero of the **[Gun]**, Bullet. I'll definitely take revenge on him.

Besides, I had a premonition that if I left him alone any longer, something irreversible would happen, causing me to lose everything.

So, I'm going to go back to the Dioral Kingdom for now, and then consult with Ellen whether I should head to the Grantsbach Empire or wait for them.

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I tell Eve that I'm going to leave tomorrow after her official duties ended.

I told her that we before demons and humans can form peace, I first need to prevent war between humans, or just end it immediately if it does break out.

"Kearuga, you're so busy." (*Eve*)

"Yeah, it's hard work to make a world that I can enjoy with my women." (*Kearuga*)

I'm not doing this out of my righteousness. I just want a fun world that my women and I can enjoy.

If I want to take it easy, I can. I could retire to some countryside village, hide my identity, earn some money, eat good food and spend days where all I do is have sex.

With **[Recovery Heal]**, earning money is easy and I don't have to worry about disease, injury or growing old, I can just live life happily. I'm fine with that kind of lifestyle, but I ended up liking women that can't live like that.

Since I fell in love with that part of them too, I don't want to persuade (brainwash) my women with **[Recovery Heal]**.

"You're unexpectedly good at taking care of people, and you're considerate too." (*Eve*)

"I guess. People become earnest when they fall in love." (*Kearuga*)
That's how I am.

Generally, I think everything other than what I like is worthless. In exchange, I take good care of things that I do like.

Eve lets out a sweet voice below me.

"You have to come back, I'll be waiting for you." (*Eve*)

"Yeah, I will. I can't forget your body, after all." (*Kearuga*)

I whisper my love.

Now, I've finished saying my goodbyes, now I just have to depart.

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After Eve fell asleep, I returned to my own room. I open it and see a fox cub waiting on top of my bed.

Until now, she always took all the space on my bed to herself and slept on top of it, but recently, she's been waiting for my return.

"Goshujinsama, you're late! You haven't given Guren a massage today!" (*Guren*)

Guren changed into her girl form and took off her clothes without me having to say anything. And then, she looked at me with hopeful eyes.

Ever since that event in the bath, I've been massaging her multiple times, that she became addicted to it. These days, she even does stuff back to me. Since I make Guren feel good, she makes me feel good.

I taught her all sorts of massage methods.

"I'll massage you today too. Come over here." (*Kearuga*)

"Goshujinsama's massages feel good." (*Guren*)

While massaging her, I checked the state of her body, and it looks pretty good.

Since she's small, forcing things would be impossible, so I made progress with my massage every day.

Forcing it would just hurt, which would make this fox cub sulk immediately and not let me massage her ever again. That wouldn't be fun. However, it should be okay if she's this soft.

"Hey, Guren. About your inside massage, don't you think a longer, thicker and hotter thing that could reach even further than a finger, would feel even better?" (*Kearuga*)

Actually saying it out loud almost made me laugh.

"That's a good idea! Goshujinsama, you're smart!" (*Guren*)

Guren really is foolishly cute.

I thought I would feel guilty when it comes this far, but I feel happy instead.

Well then, since the person herself allowed it, I'll give her an even *better* massage from today.

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The next day, Setsuna came to do her morning service as always, but she looked a little off.

She's looking at Guren, who's sleeping next to me, with eyes wide in surprise. I don't think there's anything strange about it though since she's been sleeping in her girl form for quite a few days now.

"... Kearuga-sama, what is that?" (*Setsuna*)

"...? Guren's just sleeping here." (*Kearuga*)

"Look." (*Setsuna*)

Just as she told me to, I look at Guren.

The futon on her stomach is strangely swelling out. It's not like she got fat or anything, it's a different type of swell.

Strange. Is it because of yesterday's massage? No, but, it's only been a day.

"Well, she's a divine beast, so that kind of thing could happen too."
(*Kearuga*)

Guren's just sleeping happily right now.

After a while, her stomach shrunk. Instead, the futon at her feet rose up.

There was no change in her expression and she's drooling. I don't really get it, but wouldn't that cause unbelievably intense pain?

"Kearuga-sama, do you think she gave birth?" (*Setsuna*)

"I wonder." (*Kearuga*)

Guren looks like she isn't able to sleep well and swings her tail.

It seems like the thing at her feet is hindering her sleep. That thing rolled out of the bed from being flicked off with the tail. If it was her child, that would be terrible abuse.

With the nuisance no longer there, Guren's face returned to looking happy.

We stare at the thing that fell on the ground.

"Is that an egg?" (*Kearuga*)

It looks like an egg that's two times bigger than a chicken egg, but it has a strange, metallic brilliance.

I'm surprised that a fox laid an egg, but anything goes for divine beasts, and Guren herself was born from an egg, after all.

"Would something like Guren be born from this?" (*Setsuna*)

"I'll have a look at it." (*Kearuga*)

I might learn something if I use my **[Jade Eye]** that can see through everything in this world.

[God's Tear]

*It is a legacy from god, that was made from the power of a divine beast
and a hero connecting together.*

*It is made out of metal that surpasses orichalcum, the world's strongest
metal, and can be used as a material for a **[Divine Arms]**.*

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"Apparently, it's an ore, not an egg." (Kearuga)

I can accept the fact that it's not an egg but a lump of magic metal.

However, can you really use this to make a **[Divine Arms]**?

"This is amazingly strong. Kearuga-sama, make a weapon out of this!"

(Setsuna)

"You do know that this metal came out of her, right?" (Kearuga)

I point at Guren.

"That doesn't matter. It's fine as long as it's a good weapon. Tough
enemies are hard to defeat with ice claws." (Setsuna)

That's true, but... well, I guess it's fine. I should be able to do something
with my alchemy magic.

I did think that divine beasts were strange creatures, but I didn't think
something this unreasonable would happen. I'll be careful when I massage
Guren from now on.

Well, I don't have to be careful, since it's not like it harms her or
anything, and there's a chance that she could give birth to something other
than the **[God's Tear]**.

I want to test it out even more... I might actually be thinking something
terrible.

But looking at Guren sleeping peacefully made my guilt disappear.
Guren is just that kind of creature. She's a little cheeky, cute and even gives
me items.

As thanks for this **[God's Tear]**, I'll prepare the soft type of meat that
Guren loves for today's meal.

Chapter 08: The healing magician visits the town of sand

After eating lunch, we set off to the Dioral Kingdom on the flying dragons.

It has been a day since then, and we just took off from Buranikka.

Obviously, we're heading to the Dioral Kingdom to crush the Grantsbach Empire and the hero of the **[Gun]**, Bullet, but it's also because I want to meet Ellen.

"Goshujinsama, rubby-rubby." (*Guren*)

The cub fox slyly flirts with me by rubbing her face on me.

Cute.

She has been acting like this ever since I massaged the insides of her body. It seems like she accepted me as her true master.

"Guren, I'll massage you a lot today, okay?" (*Kearuga*)

"Today is Guren's day, can't wait!" (*Guren*)

I love all my women equally. I was spending most of my time with Guren for a while, but she's in the rotation now. Only paying attention to Guren would make the others pitiful, although Setsuna services me every morning.

Ever since that one time the ore came out, Guren hasn't given birth to anything, even though I did make love with her.

I reckon it was because Guren's accumulated power had produced that, so there's a chance something might come out if she accumulates more power. I'm just going to wait for it without doing anything special.

According to the shadow information network, there were movements in Camlaba. It'll take one day to go to the Dioral Kingdom from Camlaba. So, it might be better to make Camlaba my relief point and gather information there.

"Guren hopes she can eat good meat!" (*Guren*)

"Specialities change along with the regions, so there might be delicious food that we wouldn't be able to eat in Ranalitta." (*Kearuga*)

Going to a town for the first time is exciting. Alchemists prosper in the Camlaba Republic so I might be able to buy something interesting.

Besides, I need the equipment to process the **[God's Tear]**. I figured I could do something with just alchemy magic, but since it is the greatest magic metal in existence, it didn't go well. Camlaba should be able to provide a private workshop, which would make it a lot easier.

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We landed beside a lake on the outskirts of the town and separated from the dragon knights. I told them we're going to depart at sunrise tomorrow, and then headed for the town.

The wind is dry.

Camlaba is located in the northernmost part of the Dioral Kingdom, and it's near the Grantsbach Empire.

Because of that, the climate is different and the culture and trade have been influenced by the Grantsbach Empire.

... I want this place as my base if the Grantsbach Empire decides to attack the Dioral Kingdom.

"Kearuga-sama, Setsuna's throat is really dry." (*Setsuna*)

"That's because of the strong wind and the dry air. It's about time to eat dinner, so let's go to a restaurant." (*Kearuga*)

"I would not want to live in this town. My skin would probably worsen." (*Freya*)

"Personally, I welcome it since training in a place with a lot of moisture is not desirable, but this place, however, is perfect." (*Kureha*)

Freya and Kureha's opinions are the exact opposite of each other.

I pick the fanciest inn I see and ask the owner about their recommended restaurant. Any expensive restaurant that has a good number of customers would be fine. Obviously, having customers in an expensive restaurant proves that it the food lives up to its price.

As we walk there, I look at the shops around us and keep them in mind.

Since this is a town where alchemists prosper, there were many workshops. It would be nice if I could borrow one of them overnight...

"Ah, there are cosmetics on sale! It really feels like a human town when you see these." (*Freya*)

Freya entered a shop for females, bought the most popular toner and returned while rubbing the bottle against her face. Apparently, it uses milk from camels that moisten your skin and protect it against dryness.

... No matter how much their skin deteriorates, my **[Recovery Heal]** can turn it into its ideal state, so Setsuna and Kureha, who don't care about cosmetics, always have smooth skin.

However, it's insensitive to not let her buy cosmetics because of that, as I'm sure Freya enjoys the process of using make-up more than just seeing the result. There's no reason for me to take away her fun just because it's useless.

"Ah, this feels really good on my skin. I need to buy more later." (*Freya*)

"Freya, waste of money. Don't need that." (*Setsuna*)

"Ahh, you don't understand, do you, Setsuna-chan. If you don't treat your skin well now, you will regret it when you get older. It's not my fault if Kearuga-sama stops liking you when your skin gets wrinkly and dry."

(*Freya*)

"... Nn. That's not good. Freya spread some of that on Setsuna too." (*Setsuna*)

"Sure thing. Setsuna-chan, your skin really is amazing. It's smooth, soft and makes me want to keep touching it forever." (*Freya*)

Like an older sister, Freya rubbed the toner on Setsuna's skin. This is a pleasant sight.

"Thanks. It felt good." (*Setsuna*)

"You are very welcome. Guren-chan, do you want some too?" (*Freya*)

Freya asks that to Guren, who's in her girl form.

Ever since the day I massaged the insides of her body, she has been spending a lot more time in this form rather than her fox cub form.

"Guren's fine! She can change her appearance into anything!" (*Guren*)

This strange creature doesn't need cosmetics nor food. She can change her appearance into anything she desires, and her daily meals are just for pleasure since the mana that leak out of humans around her is plenty.

"That makes me a little jealous." (*Freya*)

"Guren's amazing! Keep praising her!" (*Guren*)

As always, she gets carried away easily.

After walking some more, we reach the tavern that the inn owner recommended to us. Now, I wonder what we'll be able to eat.

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We enter the tavern and order the local alcohol and their recommended meal. The alcohol they served was made from camel milk, which I've never had before. I toast and bring it to my mouth.

"The smell is quite intense. It doesn't taste bad, but I don't feel like having another cup." (*Freya*)

"Setsuna likes it." (*Setsuna*)

"... I'm sorry. I can't take this. Excuse me, could I get some ale?" (*Kureha*)

"Delicious! Get me another cup." (*Guren*)

Their opinions were split right in half, but I found it okay.

It has a similar taste to milk, but it gave off a camel odour when I first drank it. Then, a strange saltiness spread throughout my mouth, leaving a sweet taste at the end... it tastes good, but it has a powerful, peculiar taste.

Well, that was a fun experience. It's always nice to come across new, different flavours.

"Oh, looks like they're bringing over the food now. I wonder what it's going to be." (*Kearuga*)

According to the employee, they're serving a dish that uses camel meat, and a dish that uses catfish today. They're both things that I've never had before.

The camel one is an oven-baked dish called Vedrule. It's made by roasting a scored, thick piece of meat that has garlic and plenty of spices coating it, on a low heat for a long period of time.

"This is delicious." (*Kearuga*)

"It's meaty!" (*Freya*)

"It's a bit hard, but it's not bad! Get more!" (*Guren*)

It tastes like hard beef.

Since there's not that much fat, there's no sweetness nor umami from it, but the meaty taste is stronger instead.

I think it's a good cooking method. There's no fat, so it'll get dry if you cook it on a high heat and let all the moisture escape. They did a good job on the spices too, since this wouldn't smell good otherwise.

"I like fish dishes, and it has been a long time since I had deep-fried food. It's very warm and delicious." *(Freya)*

"I didn't know how great catfish tasted." *(Kureha)*

The fish dish is a catfish fried in a flavoured batter. The combination of the plain catfish with the sweet and salty batter is interesting.

Both the camel and the catfish dish were good. Once you get used to the camel milk alcohol's smell, it doesn't bother you that much and it goes well with the cuisine here.

As we finished all the food, the employee brought out a special meal... The appearance of it is, well, amazing in a way. It doesn't look that tasty. It's a vegetable stir-fry with white lumps inside. The white lumps are camel humps, which are basically lumps of fat.

Would that really taste good? I timidly reach my hand out.

"... Delicious." *(Kearuga)*

"Even though it is a lump of fat, the taste isn't so heavy for some reason." *(Freya)*

"The herbs that were cooked with it probably helped." *(Kureha)*

"It's too strong for Setsuna. Even though it's fat, it doesn't taste fatty, but fat is still fat." *(Setsuna)*

"Guren wants another serving!" *(Guren)*

I'm surprised. A stir-fry using fat just seemed like a strange combination to me, but this tastes great.

It's thick, soft and melts quickly in my mouth. The special sauce they used has a makes it taste even better. On top of that, eating the herbs with it make a superb balance.

Setsuna, Guren and I order another serving of the milk alcohol, whereas Freya and Kureha order ale.

We finish eating and ask for dessert. They serve us a pie that was baked with walnuts and almonds inside, coated with plenty of honey and a rose-scented syrup.

The flaky texture and the crunchy nuts are irresistible. My appetite grew from the honey and the syrup. It's a simple, but great dessert.

The girls liked it even more than I did, and they're probably happy to have this since they didn't enjoy the desserts in the demon king territory.

"Setsuna's full and completely satisfied." *(Setsuna)*

"Guren can't eat anymore." *(Guren)*

Setsuna's white, wolf tail and Guren's golden, fox tail were swinging in the air. Someday, I want to line up those two tails on a bed and give both of them my love.

Well then, I've rested enough and it's about time to get to work.

"Freya, I'm going to go off on my own now, so take everyone back to the inn." *(Kearuga)*

"I understand. Would it be easier for you if you go by yourself?" *(Freya)*

"Yeah, it is." *(Kearuga)*

I nod.

I'm going to go meet the informant in this town that the informant in Ranalitta told me about. I'll be looked down on if I bring women with me.

"Kearuga-sama, be careful." (*Setsuna*)

"Guren will try her best to take care of the house!" (*Guren*)

"I'll do my best too." (*Kearuga*)

I pay the bills, say goodbye to everyone and go on a path that doesn't have that many people.

Although I came here to collect information, I feel like I can grasp something to make progress on this situation.

Chapter 09: The healing magician was kidnapped

I finished my meal in the Camlaba's tavern, so it's time for work.

I head to the informant that the one in Ranalitta told me about.

Most of the time, informants like them gain accurate information faster than secret intelligence forces that work for countries, but they can also be double-edged swords. After all, they're just people that sell information for money.

... Just like how they sold information about him to me, they might have sold information about me to him. Since I'm making use of them, I can't let my guard down.

I enter the pawnshop in the back street and ask them to assess my silver knife. That's the code to let me meet the informant. They lead me into another room.

A normal-looking old man was inside. However, on a second look, I could tell that he didn't have any gaps in his posture.

"So you're Kearuga-san. I have heard about you." (*Informant*)

"I see, that makes it much easier... what was the information that the Ranalitta informant couldn't write in the letter?" (*Kearuga*)

I came here because the informant said he had information he wanted to tell me directly. It was suspicious and I could have ignored it, but I purposely chose to come here.

"Hahaha, please don't rush me so much. Here, have some tea. You can only drink this tea in Camlaba, you know?" (*Informant*)

I hold the tea he served in my mouth... There's poison in it.

However, I won't blame him for it. I'll do that once I get the information out of him.

He put in an unnoticeable, strong paralysis poison. If he was trying to kill me, he wouldn't have used paralysis poison, which means he's probably trying to make me powerless and then capture me.

... This doesn't work on me since I have poison resistance, but I still analyse it with magic.

It's a paralysis poison that kicks in five minutes after it's taken into the body. I continue talking while estimating the effect it would give the ordinary person and the duration it would last for.

"This is some good tea." (*Kearuga*)

"Yes, we only serve this special tea to our important customers." (*Informant*)

Special tea, huh. That's a fitting name for this.

"This special tea is good and all, but I want the special information." (*Kearuga*)

Who would try to capture me, and why?

The hero of **[Healing]** is the champion that saved the Dioral Kingdom. Surely they didn't think they could do something to me and leave

unpunished. Also, the hero of the **[Gun]**, Bullet, isn't part of this, because he knows that poison doesn't work on me, so wouldn't do something stupid like this.

"Well, the truth is, other than the hero of the **[Gun]**, Bullet, the Grantsbach Empire actually took in two other heroes." *(Informant)*

"That's amazing. They were able to win over two of the three remaining heroes, huh." *(Kearuga)*

The three heroes that challenged the Dioral king died.

The **[Healing]**, **[Magic]** and **[Sword]** heroes belong to the Dioral Kingdom. With the exception of the hero of the **[Gun]**, that leaves behind three heroes.

Those three heroes shouldn't have been found yet.

Only ten heroes appear in the world at one time, and the hero of **[Magic]** is the only one that has the power to find the other heroes. In other words, it's extremely unlikely for the heroes to all gather together.

Well, I can't deny the possibility of other heroes being born in place of the three dead ones, though.

"Yes, it seems so. That has probably built up the Grantsbach Empire's confidence." *(Informant)*

"Would that really give them confidence? The Dioral Kingdom has three heroes too, and the Dioral Kingdom's heroes are stronger." *(Kearuga)*

Although the numbers are the same, the heroes on our side have fought countless battles, reached levels unthinkable for normal people and gained experience. I alone could annihilate any normal hero.

"Yes, that is why the Grantsbach Empire wants to take out the Dioral Kingdom's power as much as they can." *(Informant)*

So that's why they set up a trap to try to capture me, huh... It really wouldn't be any fun if the mastermind was a noble or an officer of the Grantsbach Empire.

Now, it's about time to act like the poison is working.

I collapse on the spot and make it look like I'm trying my best to move my body. The second I do so, men that are black from head to toe, break through the door and push in.

"The hero of **[Healing]**'s **[Recovery Heal]** is powerful, but it is useless in a situation where you can't use your voice. Hahaha, I didn't think I could capture a hero so easily. I guess you really are just a strong brat!" *(Informant)*

The informant starts laughing loudly as the men put a mana restraining ring on me.

There's a magic ore inside it that makes you unable to use magic by disrupting your mana, and it's generally used on criminals that can use magic.

... I feel a little hurt, since these guys actually think they can make me powerless by putting a toy on me.

I can still use magic even without using my throat. The ring has a mana jamming function, but any elite magician could still use magic with these on. Of course, I can too. They're underestimating me way too much.

They bind my body and take me away somewhere.

Now, let me see who ordered them to do this. I'll deal with them immediately if they're boring.

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After blindfolding me, then stowed me on a coach. I knew that because I had activated my **[Jade Eye]**.

My **[Jade Eye]** has the power to see through things. Let alone the blindfold, I can even see outside the coach. Using that eye, I make sure to remember the way home.

It seems like the coach is headed towards the direction of the Grantsbach Empire. I think the coach was strengthened with magic, as it's travelling at an unimaginable speed for a coach.

... I don't want to go too far though since it'll be troublesome when I return. I let them take me to their base in the Grantsbach Empire. As I thought, it was just the army's choice to kidnap me.

They're either going to get rid of me because I'm a nuisance, torture me to get information or brainwash me to go under their control. I think I'll just slip out of the coach and return now.

Actually, since I'm here anyway, I might as well stick along for the farce some more to get some information about the Grantsbach Empire.

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The base in the Grantsbach Empire was made solid and gigantic to protect the nation. Almost a thousand soldiers were stationed here.

I was brought into an iron-barred room in the basement of a building. Instead of the paralysis poison from before, they shot nerve poison in my blood vessels this time.

The poison was probably changed so that my head could move. Otherwise, they wouldn't be able to get any information out of me. This new poison was so powerful that it made me feel a little sluggish, but it's supposed to make you unable to move anything other than your head. My body ended up taking three minutes to neutralise the poison.

They put two more mana jamming rings on me. Then, my clothes were taken off, and I was fastened to a chair with strong chains.

I was made to wait ten minutes in that state until an officer with four subordinates appeared.

"Hero of **[Healing]** Kearu. I'm Carl Ratel, an army major of the Grantsbach Empire. I'll get right to the point. Why did you go to the demon territory? What is the Dioral Kingdom doing with the demon king?" (*Carl*)

He's asking about that, huh.

The Grantsbach Empire has more information about the Dioral Kingdom than I expected. His personal feelings of disgust showed through when he mentioned the demon king.

... The hero of the **[Gun]**, Bullet, might have instigated the Grantsbach Empire by telling them about this. Alright, then I'll set up a bluff about that.

"The current demon king is friendly to humans, so I decided to form an alliance with them. If humans invade the demon territory, the Dioral Kingdom will intercept them, and if the Dioral Kingdom gets invaded, the demon king army will come to help. Through that alliance, the war between humans and demons will end." *(Kearuga)*

It was amusing to see the army major turn pale.

Consider that he just heard his enemy country formed an alliance with the demon king, I guess it is understandable. I'm sure he knows how scary demons and monsters are.

"... Is that true? Unforgivable! Humans and demons should not be joining forces!" *(Carl)*

"Yeah, it's true. But I don't want you to misunderstand, the Dioral Kingdom didn't sell out humanity. We formed this alliance so that no more demons or humans would make each other shed anymore blood. Neither side has anything to gain by fighting anymore. As a human representative, I'm going to sever the bloody chains of resentment." *(Kearuga)*

"Those are just pretty words! You're lying. There's no reason why the demon king would form an alliance with you." *(Carl)*

"There is a reason. The current demon king's condition for us to form an alliance was to have the three heroes of the Dioral Kingdom help her in defeating the previous demon king. That was our promise from the start." *(Kearuga)*

That was quite a good lie if I say so myself. There were many truths in it, and our alliance is actually aiming to do that, although it was postponed for a while.

Regardless, if he believes what I said about the alliance, the Grantsbach Empire might hesitate to start a war against the Dioral Kingdom.

Although it's not as strong as it was before, the Dioral Kingdom is still a powerful country, and if the demon king army appears as reinforcements too, they should understand that they have no chance of winning.

"... Major, if what he said is true, then we will certainly lose the war against them. So, I have a proposal. If the hero of **[Healing]** and his party are indeed special envoys, then the alliance will not be established unless they return to the Dioral Kingdom. Considering the situation, they probably have not signed anything official. Their existence is essential to advance the alliance any further." *(Soldier)*

"Exactly, Raven. After we get the information from the hero of **[Healing]**, we'll execute him and then massacre his comrades in Camlaba... so first, we'll have you tell us the location of your comrades!" *(Carl)*

He hits my face with an iron baton with all his power. Over and over again.

"Now, confess! Shout to your heart's content! This is a special room, so no matter how much you shout or cry, your voice will never reach anyone!"
(Carl)

It doesn't hurt that much because of the difference in our statuses, but doing unpleasant things to me and saying he'll get my woman involved... is unforgivable. His revenge points went up by a lot right now.

"How's that, do you feel like telling us where your comrades are!? I won't have to hurt you if you say it now." (Carl)

"... What, was that supposed to be torture?" (Kearuga)

"I'll make that stupid mouth of yours stop working!" (Carl)

My attitude must have irritated him greatly.

He pulled my right hand with all his power, spread it out on the desk and took out a knife, aiming at the base of my pinky.

The knife struck it, but the blade broke instead. It's because I hardened my finger for that moment. With my current status, I can catch as many blades as I want with my skin.

Major Carl is holding his wrist in his other hand. It seems to have hurt a lot.

"Bastaaaaard, how dare youuuuuuu! Bring me the drugs. I don't care if he turns into a cripple. Just bring me some strong drugs!" (Carl)

His subordinate brought him a bottle of purple liquid. And then, the three of them hold my body down to forcefully wash it down my mouth.

... This one doesn't work on me either. It's useless.

However, it's also extremely unpleasant.

This situation reminds me of bad things. About my trauma of the past, about the hell where I was exploited as a miserable dog.

Major Carl's revenge points have already exceeded the required value. The future of these men has been decided. I'll have them suffer, have their pride trampled on, and make them die gruesomely after I'm finished with them.

"How's that? That was the best drug we had. Now, where are your comra—" (Carl)

Major Carl's voice stopped there.

The chain tying me up winded itself around the subordinates' necks like a snake and tightened. Their throats were destroyed, their faces turned pale and they all fainted soon after.

The mana jamming rings on me start breaking one by one. As I stand up from the chair, major Carl falls on his bottom and draws back.

I immediately gouged out his throat with my hand as he tried to scream, so only a whistling sound came out... Wait, I'm pretty sure he said this room was soundproof. I ended up doing something pointless, but whatever.

"I'm bored now. You're bad at torture and interrogation, so I'll have to teach you how to do it correctly since I'm so kind. Don't worry, I won't kill you." (Kearuga)

I definitely won't let him die easily.

I can get the information out of him immediately with **[Recovery Heal]**, but I purposely chose the primitive method.

This is revenge (a game).

I'll think up creative ideas to get information about the Grantsbach Empire out of him.

Afterwards, I'll empty his brain and start preparing a bomb to destroy the Grantsbach Empire from within. This is the best way to harass a devoted soldier like him.

The shriek of a pig comes out of his smashed throat as I send his pinky flying like he tried to do to me.

"That reminds me, you said, 'Now, confess! Shout to your heart's content! This is a special room, so no matter how much you shout or cry, your voice will never reach anyone!' Thanks to that, I can take my time to enjoy myself." (Kearuga)

As expected of a soldier, he's still glaring at me impertinently.

I wonder how long he'll be able to keep that up while I teach him what real torture and interrogation is.



Chapter 10: The healing magician draws the line

Nobody will come no matter how much you scream, as this room's soundproofing is perfect. Those words said by the major seemed to be correct.

I purposely healed his throat just so I could keep hearing his screams. Despite the fact that this man was screaming over and over again, nobody came. I killed his subordinates too because they would get in the way.

"Major Carl, this is what you call torture and interrogation. Understand now?" (*Kearuga*)

I kick up Carl, who couldn't hold back his tears, from the ground.

It doesn't look like he wants to resist anymore, and he has been pleading for his life since a while ago. Just two hours of playing with him made him turn out like this. Although these physical methods of gathering information take time, they're quite fun.

"Now that you've experienced it, I'm sure you can make use of it next time. Well, that's *if you do have a next time* though." (*Kearuga*)

I grab Carl's hair and hold him up. Then, I look at him and concentrate my mana.

I'm not going to cast **[Recovery Heal]** since he already told me the information I needed in the interrogation. Instead, I'm going to use this man as a puppet, since just getting information is boring. That's why I'm using magic.... With drugs and brainwashing magic, I'll make him think that whatever I say is the truth.

"Listen up, major Carl. The hero of **[Healing]** ended up escaping in the middle of the interrogation because you were careless for a moment. However, that was after you had gained the necessary information. That information was..." (*Kearuga*)

Information can work as medicine and it can work as poison too. In this case, the information that I'm going to make him believe is an extraordinarily powerful poison.

Brainwashing someone too much will make them emotionless, which causes discomfort for the people around them. However, if it's only to the extent of making them believe lies, no one would notice anything strange.

When this man wakes up next, he will probably be full of joy and report the '*important information*' he gained. It's fine like that.

I've finished now, so I just have to return. Everybody will get worried if I'm too late.

Actually, no, there's *someone* I have to deal with first. Besides, there's something else I want to do too.

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I finally returned to Camlaba late at night.

Some bothersome things happened while I was escaping, so I returned later than I thought I would. We should depart early tomorrow, or else a large army will descend on Camlaba.

I head towards the informant in this town.

Selling information about me is fine since that's just what informants do. I know that and still associate with them. If I didn't like having information about me sold, I wouldn't use informants.

However, it's not good to trap customers and sell them out. Selling anything more than information is a breach of contract. That's why I need to give him judgement.

On top of that, I remember him saying something funny when I was captured by the army.

'The hero of [Healing]'s [Recovery Heal] is powerful, but it is useless in a situation where you can't use your voice. Hahaha, I didn't think I could capture a hero so easily. I guess you really are just a strong brat.'

That irritated me.

I'm the type that holds onto grudges.

I'll show him what *'just a strong brat'* can do. My rule is to do back whatever is done to me.

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I enter the shop with my face hidden.

Although the man at the reception tried to call out to me, he fell asleep without saying a single word. It's because I threw a needle smeared with sleeping medicine at him.

I head towards the informant in the back.

"I thought I told him to not let any more customers through. Sorry, but the shop is closed for today. Please come again tomorrow." (*Informant*)

The man tidying up the room said that bluntly without looking towards me.

**"I'm not a customer. I came here to give back what I owe you."
(Kearuga)**

The informant timidly turned around and immediately threw a knife at me. As I hit the knife away, he threw a needle at me while my attention was on the knife. It's similar to the needle I used against the receptionist earlier. I'm used to using these, which is why I always have my guard up.

Informants are hated by people a lot of the time, and some rowdy people just come to get information out of them. So, they can't keep going without some self-defence power. It was within my expectations that this man could fight.

As I close the distance between us, he pressed a switch. The floor suddenly opened and turned into a pitfall, but I'm not so stupid to fall for something like this.

I jumped forwards before it opened completely, grabbed his head with one hand and struck it onto the wall.

Blood trickled down the back of the informant's head.

"Hey, informant. It's a breach of contract for an informant to sell anything other than information. I was playing by your rules, so you can't just do that~" (*Kearuga*)

[Recovery Heal] is enough to get the information out of people.

However, since I saw him as an equal business partner, I played by his rules and paid the money. Despite that, this man trampled over my sincerity.

"Hii, hii!? sorry! I am reflecting on it. Forgive me, my eyes were lost in money!" (*Informant*)

While apologising, the informant tried to kick at my stomach with his boot knife. What a stubborn guy. However, it's easy to predict the actions of rotten guys like him.

I dodged his kick, snapped off his boot knife and stabbed his thigh with it.

"Gyaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa!!" (*Informant*)

He screamed.

The knife seemed to have paralysis poison on it, as his body started convulsing. Rather than an informant, this guy is more of an assassin.

"Is this what someone who's asking for forgiveness would do?" (*Kearuga*)

"I-it was just a sudden impulse. I'll give you it, I'll give you any information, I still have special information that you don't know about!" (*Informant*)

"Start talking." (*Kearuga*)

The informant spat out things he knew one by one.

Among them, there certainly was information that I wanted.

The most helpful one of those was the fact that the Grantsbach Empire is going to start a war in two month's time. In addition, the Grantsbach Empire is receiving support from two other countries. On top of that, he told me their excuse for starting the war.

The crimes that the Dioral king caused... And the fact that the Dioral Kingdom joined hands with the demon king, becoming the demon king's subordinates.

So it's not that they knew we were with the demon king, but it was just an accusation made from circumstantial evidence? If they made other countries join them by using this pretext, I can make a counterattack.

I did hear of this information from Carl, but the credibility increases if more people say the same thing.

"I-I told you, everything you want to know." (*Informant*)

"You haven't told me anything about the hero of the **[Gun]** that I came for." (*Kearuga*)

"I don't know anything new about him. However, I did hear that he is raising new soldiers in the Grantsbach Empire's secret intelligence force. Some of them were young, male prostitutes that he bought on the black market." (*Informant*)

New soldiers in the secret intelligence force, huh... I wonder if he's making boys become his lovers and his tools with his brainwashing. That sounds like something he would do.

"I'm kind. Normally, you would've been given an eternal pain of hell, but I won't do that." (*Kearuga*)

"W-will you forgive me?" (*Informant*)

"Yeah, I'll kill you without any torture. Good thing you had the information I wanted...[Deterioration Heal]" (*Kearuga*)

I reduced his penalty because he had the information I wanted.

Because of my **[Deterioration Heal]**, his essential arteries blocked up. With just that, the flow of his blood stopped, making him turn pale and die.

Before he died though, I read his memories to take more information from him, as I was sure that he had more.

"... As expected of an informant. He was hiding the most valuable piece of information." (*Kearuga*)

It's admirable that he still had more information remaining to make business even in that situation. If only he hadn't sold me out, we might've become good partners.

Well then, I'll return to the inn once I take care of one more thing.

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Every single piece of information about the town was in the informant's memories.

In those memories, I found information about a workshop that can be used for blacksmithing.

Even I need the proper equipment in order to process the **[God's Tear]** that Guren produced. Dealing with strong metals is difficult, much less magic metals.

The shopkeeper made an unpleasant face when I came in late at night, but he smiled when I told him I would pay three times the normal price, and said I could use it until morning. I took advantage of those words.

"I'm making this weapon for Setsuna. I need to make it as best as I can." (*Kearuga*)

Setsuna is my obedient pet. She's a really cute one that does her best for me. I want to make something that she would gratefully accept.

So, I'll do my best to deal with this god metal.

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The sun had risen by the time I finished making the weapon. It took longer than I thought it would.

As expected of a metal used for the **[Divine Arms]**, processing it was arduous. It would be impossible to process if you don't have as much mana as I do. Being a god metal wasn't just for show. However, I can proudly say that I made something that's appropriate for the time it took.

Setsuna greeted me when I returned to the inn.

"Welcome back. Kearuga-sama." (*Setsuna*)

"Did you get up early to wait for me?" (*Kearuga*)

"Nn. It's Setsuna's job to welcome Kearuga-sama." (*Setsuna*)

She really is cute.

"Thanks. This is a present from me." (*Kearuga*)

I gave her steel claws that radiated blue.

Setsuna uses ice claws to fight, so I made weapons that wouldn't have to make her change her fighting style.

"Is this, Setsuna's?" (*Setsuna*)

"Yeah. I made these weapons for you, Setsuna." (*Kearuga*)

Of course, I couldn't make them as great as the **[Divine Arms]**, but they are noticeably superior to all other weapons. They're light, sturdy, sharp and mana conductive. I made them focus on utility instead of giving them any unnecessary tricks.

"Setsuna's happy. She will treasure these." (*Setsuna*)

Setsuna preciously stroked the steel claws she got from me and immediately equipped them. They suit her. I'm sure she'll work even harder from now on.

"Kearuga-sama, Setsuna wants to repay you right now. Let her service you." (*Setsuna*)

"Yeah, please... I got worked up from seeing blood, so let me knock my excitement into you." (*Kearuga*)

"Nn. Setsuna will accept everything." (*Setsuna*)

Setsuna took off her claws, threw her clothes away and exposed her beautiful body. Not only her power, Setsuna's body grew too.

Without even bothering to take off my clothes, I pushed her down and made love with her.

Chapter 11: The healing magician gets entrapped

Taking a detour to Camlaba made me gain a better harvest than I thought I would.

It was extremely unpleasant to be sold out by the informant, but I was able to find out more information than I thought I would, and I was able to circulate false information in the Grantsbach Empire too.

Being able to process the **[God's Tear]** and make Setsuna's weapon was a plus too.

"Setsuna, do you like it?" (*Kearuga*)

"Nn. This is the strongest weapon that Kearuga-sama made. Setsuna will take care of it forever." (*Setsuna*)

She lovingly stroked the steel claws wrapped in cloth. Setsuna has been doing that for a while now.

She looks happy, so I'm glad I worked my hardest. I should give her a chance to try it out somewhere.

"Goshujinsama, Guren wants you to make a weapon for her too!" (*Guren*)

The fluffy fox cub jumped off my back, transformed and then asked me that in a sweet voice.

I almost made a wry smile... Guren doesn't know where I got the material for Setsuna's claws. I became a little curious on whether she would still want one, even after knowing where the material came from.

"Well, you know. I need special materials to make weapons of that class, and I don't know when I'll be able to get that material next. I'll make one for you if I do, though." (*Kearuga*)

"That's a promise! Can't wait!" (*Guren*)

Then, I'll have to have sex... er, I mean, massage Guren's insides a lot. It should pop out eventually.

"Goshujinsama, listen, listen. Guren wants a weapon that goes like, boooooom, and then gyuiiiin when you put in power like graaah!" (*Guren*)

"Please, tell me with words I can understand." (*Kearuga*)

Guren talked passionately about the weapon she wanted. Rather than swords or spears, she seems to want a **[Gun]**.

I can make something that accumulates mana, compresses it and shoots it out in an amplified form with the **[God Tear's]** properties.

True, that kind of weapon would be better for Guren. Her reflexes are good, but it makes more sense for her to move around bombarding since she won't have to learn fencing or martial arts. Despite her looks, Guren is smart and she knows what she can or can't do.

While nodding along to Guren, I somehow deciphered what she was saying to imagine the completed weapon she wants. I'll design it when I'm free since I'm a man that protects promises.

"The dragon knights don't seem to be coming, do they." (*Freya*)

Freya grumbled that while I was playing with Guren.

I look at my pocket watch. Yeah, they're late.

"It should almost be about time for them to come, though..." (*Kearuga*)

Right now, we're in a desert in the outskirts of Camlaba. We were going to get picked up here, as no one else would probably come here, and head to the Dioral Kingdom. The dragon knights are usually very strict with time, but they haven't come yet.

I have a bad feeling about this. And that feeling didn't end.

Just as a sudden gust passed by, Setsuna's nose started twitching.

"... Kearuga-sama, the gust right now carried the smell of blood. Setsuna knows that smell. It came from far away in the distance." (*Setsuna*)

I don't even need to ask whose blood it is from the serious look on Setsuna's face.

"Setsuna, I'm counting on you to lead us to the smell." (*Kearuga*)

"Nn. Leave it to Setsuna." (*Setsuna*)

That blood must have come from the dragon that carried us or the dragon knight that rode it.

I definitely can't give them up. Losing our means of transport hurts, and they've really helped us out a lot. I think of them as friends, and I like the flying dragons too. Please stay safe.

I hurry to them and pray.

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We ran towards the place where the smell was coming from thanks to Setsuna's guidance.

There, we saw...

"How terrible. I can't believe anyone would go this far." (*Kureha*)

"Why would they do something like this! This is overkill!" (*Freya*)

Messed up corpses.

The dragon knights were cut up into pieces, the dragons were scorched by magic and pierced by a countless number of arrows.

We lost our means of transport and our friends. A sense of loss surged forwards in our chests, but we had *no time* to stay still.

"This isn't good." (*Kearuga*)

There are several problems at hand.

First off, there's an enemy that's strong enough to kill the dragon knights. Dragons are strong. Although flying dragons are more known for their speed and transportation ability, they're still a powerful dragon race. No normal person would be able to kill them. The enemy is either of the hero class or someone who has the same power as a hero.

Furthermore, dragon knights can pull out the maximum power of dragons, and yet they ended up like this, which goes to show how strong they are. I definitely can't let my guard down against this enemy.

Secondly, there's no way someone with enough power to kill a dragon would be stationed near Camlaba for no reason. They must've been prepared for some reason. This relates to the third problem, but the enemy

must be aiming at us, and they had predicted us to have stopped by at Camlaba.

Rather than predicted, it's more like they lead us here. They sent us to the informant in Camlaba. We came to Camlaba under the suggestion from the informant in Ranalitta. The person behind all this mess used the informant in Ranalitta to lead our movements.

... They probably know that I've gathered information, and there's a chance they also know about the false information I circulated.

And thirdly, the corpses were laid out like this, almost as if asking for us to find them. There can only be one reason why someone would do this.

This is bait... to fish us up.

"I've received your message, Bullet." (*Kearuga*)

Just as I said that, assassins covered in sand-coloured cloth all appeared. They made a circle formation to surround us. Even though Setsuna can sense presences well, the fact that she didn't notice them until now is abnormal.

They must be professionals at erasing their presences. They're also covered in blood to protect themselves against Setsuna's nose. By covering themselves like that, they were able to fade in with the smell of the dragon's blood.

Also, their distance is perfect.

They're just barely outside of the boundaries of my **[Presence Detection]**, so they're at a position where both Kureha and I can't step in to attack them. They're holding rifles that only just arrived on the market.

Without saying a single word, those damn assassins all shot us at the same time and immediately spread out in retreat without checking to see if their bullets hit.

I didn't have the time to make any countermeasures against bullets that surpass the speed of time, being shot at this distance, in this timing. I was just barely able to push Setsuna and Guren down as they were near me, to at least protect their vital spots.

With her amazing reactions as the **[Sword Saint]**, Kureha protected Freya. That gave me a peace of mind too. Freya would've instantly died if any of her vitals were hit.

I took three, dull impacts. The feeling of lead bullets piercing my body was irritating.

I spat out blood.

"It must be quite strong to pierce my flesh." (*Kearuga*)

The power of the weapons themselves was magnificent too, but the shooters must've had an abnormally strong status.

... Those rifles use mana too. By making them hybrids of firepower and mana, it was able to exhibit power impossible for the current, existing weapons.

No, that's not all. There must be some sort of trick behind it. Otherwise, there's no way I, who's over level 200, could be injured. Kureha also took deep injuries by covering Freya.

"Kearuga-sama! How could they injure you like this... Setsuna will kill them!" (*Setsuna*)

"Setsuna, you don't have to chase after them. They'll definitely have a trap set up. Kureha, come over here. I'll treat you." (*Kearuga*)

"Please do, I haven't been injured like this for so long." (*Kureha*)

I keep Setsuna in check while taking out the lead bullets in my body. There's a chance she could die from getting too passionate and going in alone. The way they escaped was suspicious too.

Well, they might've been trying to make me think it was suspicious and hesitate. Either way, I can't let Setsuna go alone.

I scoop out the lead bullets in Kureha's body just like I did for myself, and cast **[Recovery Heal]** on both of us.

"You're as skilled as always. That healed me completely. Excuse me for showing such an unsightly state." (*Kureha*)

"No, you did a good job protecting Freya in that situation." (*Kearuga*)

If Kureha and I were both alone, we would've evaded them unharmed. However, we had no choice but to protect our comrades and get injured.

On top of that, they knew that if we, the vanguards that protected the other members, get injured, the other members wouldn't be able to chase after them.

Every single thing they did was planned. That was a perfect trap that was only made because they knew everything about us.

"It makes me smile instead to be entrapped so perfectly." (*Kearuga*)

The hero of the **[Gun]**, Bullet, definitely thought this up. I'm certain of it. No one else would be able to get me this well.

... Now that I think about it, it was my loss from the point when I came to Camlaba. To get to the Dioral Kingdom from Camlaba, you have to cross a large desert. It wasn't a worry for us since we had dragons, but now they're gone.

Although we have high statuses, crossing the desert will take time.

He tried to kill us, but he didn't think he could. I'm sure he just thought of it as an add-on thing, where it would be lucky if we did die. His real aim was to hinder us and isolate us in the desert. No matter how fast we go, it will take at least six days to cross the desert to the Dioral Kingdom.

He made such an elaborate tactic to hinder us, but what for?

I don't even need to think about it, it's to destroy the Dioral Kingdom while we're not there.

"I'm laughing too hard that I'm welling up with killing intent. I admit it. You won the first round... however, I'll get you back in the second round." (*Kearuga*)

I throw a knife in rage.

It **pierced the forehead of an assassin** who erased his presence after pretending to leave.

He had erased his presence perfectly, he was outside of the **[Presence Detection]** area and he had erased the smell of blood too. I didn't throw that knife because I could tell he was there.

I threw that knife because I knew Bullet would place someone there. I can't beat Bullet in a battle of pure wits. The difference in our experiences is too much.

However, I still know what he would do. That's not just because I stole his experiences and knowledge with **[Recovery Heal]**. It irritates me to say this, but it's because he's my teacher.

Chapter 12: The healing magician takes a shortcut

As expected of Bullet, he got me.

He killed my means of transport, the dragons and the dragon knights, and left me behind in a town surrounded by a desert.

Now that I think about it, I should've expected this to happen from the moment I heard the informant was in Camlaba, but I didn't even consider because I had become too strong... I became negligent because of my power.

I probably wouldn't be having any problems if my opponent wasn't Bullet. However, he saw through my arrogance and struck that weak spot. He truly is a formidable enemy.

"Kearuga-sama, what should we do now?" (*Setsuna*)

"We'll head straight to the Dioral Kingdom... considering how he stranded us here, I'm sure he already made the preparations to make the Dioral Kingdom fall." (*Kearuga*)

I sort things out in my mind as I reply to Setsuna.

If we can't fly, we need something else to cross the desert as fast as possible. Even with our leg strength, we will still be remarkably slower than usual. Kicking off of the ground will just fruitlessly bury our legs in the sand.

It's times like this that make me wish Ellen, our strategist, was here. She would've thought up a solution immediately.

"I have a suggestion. Crossing the desert is suicidal... so, shouldn't we take a different route, even if it is riskier?" (*Kureha*)

"I was just thinking the same thing. We'll have to go through an enemy nation and make an awful detour, but it'll be faster than going through the desert." (*Kearuga*)

If we go further north of the base that I was taken away to, we can go towards the Dioral Kingdom without crossing the desert. The Grantsbach Empire will probably take that route when they start the war.

The problem is that we have to cross the national border to enter the Grantsbach Empire. We're on the wanted list, so they'll probably chase after us if we cross the border... Moreover, Bullet knows about that route, so he must've set up a trap there. I think that's why the assassins retreated quickly.

"I've decided. We're going to cross the desert." (*Kearuga*)

Everyone was surprised by my words.

After all, it definitely won't make it in time for the Dioral Kingdom's crisis, and it's dangerous to cross the desert. Even if there's a trap in the Grantsbach Empire's route, that would still be safer.

"Kearuga-sama, are you planning to walk across the desert?" (*Freya*)

"Of course not. We can still fly, even without the dragons. Well, there's only a fifty-fifty chance of it working though." (*Kearuga*)

I'm not going to dance on that rotten asshole's palm anymore. If we're able to cross the desert at the same speed as a dragon would, I'll be able to mess with his calculations. This time, I'll be the one to set him up. I chose that because of my obstinacy and my instincts.

My heart is shouting, telling me that Bullet's trap is dangerous. That's why I'm going to push myself to the limit.

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We purposely started working there, instead of returning to the town.

I had Freya search the surroundings with **[Heat Detection]**. Creatures that can camouflage into the sand or tamper with their odour by using blood, can't hide their body temperature

... I should've told her to do that from the start. Negligence is truly terrifying.

I procured the materials from the dragons' corpses. Dragon bones and skin are unbelievably light, as they weigh less than one-fifth of how much iron does, and they're still incredibly strong. This is the most suitable material to make something that will fly. Having the materials from two corpses will definitely be plenty.

I disassembled, cleaned and sorted them into the different sizes.

"Goshujinsama, what are you making?" (*Guren*)

"An artificial dragon." (*Kearuga*)

"That's amazing! You're like a god!" (*Guren*)

"Well, it's only a dragon in shape. There was this one sage that tried to make a magical tool that would fly through the sky, and I found something interesting in his ideas." (*Kearuga*)

I stopped working, folded a piece of paper and made a streamlined object with wings. I threw it, and it flew for around ten metres and then fell.

"Wow. Guren didn't think a piece of paper would fly that far." (*Guren*)

"Nn. Setsuna is surprised too. It was picked up by the wind." (*Setsuna*)

"I don't really get it, but apparently when objects with a specific shape take wind resistance, a force called lift is generated. It's several times more efficient than just forcefully sending everyone flying with wind magic. If that sage's knowledge is correct, we should be able to fly if I use wind magic... although that sage couldn't test it because he couldn't find any materials that were both light and strong, I have those materials right here."

(*Kearuga*)

If I make an airframe from the materials in the dragons, I should be able to just barely let all five of us fly. I'm not completely certain though, so I'll have Guren return to her fox cub form.

After I finished making the plan, I processed the materials from the dragon with alchemy magic, making them into suitable shapes. Although I already planned things out, I'm actually unsure of whether we can fly. Obviously, this is the first time I've made something like this, and I don't really understand the lift force in the sage's knowledge.

The sage was only able to determine the existence of that force, but he didn't know the theory behind it. However, I'm still going to do it. Even that asshole wouldn't have thought that I would use this method. He's not someone that I can outwit without making any gambles. I'm truly glad that I have alchemy magic since, without it, this would take at least a month to make, and it would be a lot worse.

Using magic, I turned the dragon bones and skin into a machine that can fly, in just three hours. As a finishing touch, I polished the entire airframe, and it was completed.

It has the optimum, streamline shape that the sage thought up, and two wings opposite each other with ailerons on the back. I prepared enough seats for four people in the body. It ended up being quite big since I needed large wings to generate lift.

We all looked up at it.

"Are you sure this can fly?" (*Freya*)

"It should be able to. I mean, even if it fails, we'll only be falling on the sand, and with our statuses, we won't die from that." (*Kearuga*)

It should be fine if it goes as I had planned. However, I am worried as I don't know the theory behind the lift.

"Kearuga-sama made it, so it's fine." (*Setsuna*)

"We can run if it falls!" (*Guren*)

"It's a waste of time to worry about it. We should try it." (*Kureha*)

Everyone other than Freya was unexpectedly eager to ride it.

"Come to think of it, what is this called?" (*Kureha*)

"Let's see, well, it's a machine that was made to fly, so can't we just call it an aircraft?" (*Kearuga*)

I think that was a cheap name too, but it strangely felt natural to say.

We all boarded the aircraft.

Guren transformed into her fox cub form and curled up on my lap. It's quite dangerous, so I made belts on the seats to fasten our bodies into place.

Now, let's begin.

I created a headwind to blow against the wings so that it would generate lift and fly. First off, I made the aircraft rise a few dozen meters with magic.

"Wow! It actually flew." (*Guren*)

"No, all I did was just make it float, the real thing is only just about to begin!" (*Kearuga*)

We wouldn't need an aircraft if all we were going to do was float.

The aircraft naturally started descending, so I propelled it from the back with wind. Since it was powerfully pushed forwards, the wings got wind. With this, it should generate lift and float by itself.

"Amazing, we're actually flying!" (*Freya*)

"I'm surprised too. This is an astonishing invention!" (*Kureha*)

Freya and Kureha shouted that. Those two are relatively calm.

Setsuna is sitting expressionlessly as always.

However, Guren's fluffy tail flinched, and she's clinging onto me with all her strength. Even though she was in such high spirits before we took off, it looks like she became scared when we started flying.

I'm getting cold sweat too. The aircraft shook, causing the airframe to slant. It seems like there was a difference in lift since the right and left wings were unbalanced. Once I adjusted the power of the wind on each side, the aircraft somehow stabilised.

Still, this is amazing. Horses and raptors are no match for this in speed. Although I want to make it faster than the flying dragons, I'll be exhausted if I make the wind any stronger.

I was planning on making Freya occasionally switch with me in using wind magic, but adjusting the balance is difficult, so it'll be hard to switch. For today, I'll just go as far as we can and then make camp. I also want to adjust the balance of the wings. Until then, I'll just endure it as best as I can.

And so, we flew through the sky with the aircraft.

I was able to outwit Bullet's expectations. So, now it's my turn to set him up. I'll definitely make use of your miscalculation.

Chapter 13: The healing magician contemplates

We're flying in the aircraft I made out of the dragon materials.

Considering I made it without testing it beforehand, it's flying well, but the balance between the two wings is bad so we might crash if I make a mistake in controlling the wind. There's also a problem with the airframe. Especially the joints, as they weren't as strong as I thought they were, and they made strange noises when the aircraft went too fast.

I etch that information into my mind as I fly. Trial and error are necessary for everything since there are many things that you won't understand from just making theories. You need to identify problems on the go and fix them each time.

"Kearuga-sama, should I switch with you?" (*Freya*)

Freya asked me that from the back seat.

"No, it's fine. It takes some time to get used to it, so we'll fall if we switch right now." (*Kearuga*)

"I'm frustrated at myself for not being of use." (*Freya*)

"We can't switch today, but I think you'll be able to do it tomorrow. It should become easier to handle once I improve the design." (*Kearuga*)

"Okay! Please leave it to me tomorrow!" (*Freya*)

Freya clenched her fists and appealed her eagerness.

I'm sure she's concerned about me, but I think she also wants to fly a plane. After all, this is the fastest, man-made vehicle in the world.

"Guren's trembling. This is, really, scary." (*Guren*)

Guren is still scared of it, and she's clinging onto me with her fox ears flat down. Since she's in her fox cub form, it's cute seeing her like that. It seems like Guren will never get used to the aircraft, no matter how long she rides it for.

Around four hours have passed since we started flying. I should look for somewhere we can land without standing out.

Although I still have thirty percent of my mana left, it will recover slower if it decreases to a certain point, and I need to save it for when we arrive at the Dioral Kingdom. We've already gone past the desert area, so I don't have to overwork myself anymore.

I found a good spot to land. It's deep in the woods, where there's plenty of greenery. Since it's an area that's dense with broadleaf trees, there's enough cushioning to land the aircraft.

... It seems there's another problem with this airframe. Since there's not a single device to soften the landing impact, I either have to land on something with plenty of cushioning or use wind magic to cushion the landing. And because of the sudden loss of momentum when landing, the aircraft nose dives since there's not enough lift.

"Good grief, there are so many problems with this machine." (*Kearuga*)

I lower the altitude and speed while complaining to myself.

As I thought, it started falling because of gravity midway, overloading the wings and making them give off an unpleasant sound. I was just barely able to engulf the aircraft in wind and land on the trees.

"Guys, come out. Let's rest here for today." (*Kearuga*)

Once I made sure that everyone had gotten off, I checked each part of the aircraft. Thankfully, none of them seems to be broken.

"Nn. Setsuna will go hunting. We need pelt to get past the night. There should be some in this forest." (*Setsuna*)

"I'll help too." (*Kureha*)

Setsuna and Kureha disappear into the forest.

Since we were relying on the dragons this time, we hadn't prepared any sleeping bags or tents for camping. Although the forests in this region are hot during the day, the nights are awfully chilly, and it's dangerous if we don't make any countermeasures for the cold.

Besides, we probably wouldn't even be able to sleep at this temperature. So, having a warm pelt to get past the night would be perfect. Setsuna is from the ice wolf tribe, so she's used to these types of things.

"Um, I will dig the hole for the toilet and collect some firewood." (*Freya*)

Freya, who was raised as a princess, has become a lot more reliable. She knows what we need for camping, and she's promptly taking action.

"Guren, help me with improving the aircraft. It'll be easier to work if I use your flames." (*Kearuga*)

"Sure! Guren will do her best so she won't die!" (*Guren*)

The fox cub somersaulted on the spot and transformed into her fox eared girl form.

She's really eager, huh. I guess it is typical of her to want to repair it in case it breaks since she's scared of flying.

We're not actually going to do that much for repairs, though. We just have to adjust the balance of the wings and reinforce the joints.

I was thinking of making a mechanism to land safer, but I decided against it. It would've increased the weight and absurdly increased the air resistance. I can do something about the landing once I have time.

For now, if I just balance it out well and make it sturdy, Freya can do everything other than taking off and landing tomorrow. It'll be easier for me that way, and we should be able to fly further since Freya has much more mana capacity than me.

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Setsuna and Kureha hunted a wild boar, instead of a monster.

Setsuna ran towards me with a triumphant face and held up game that's bigger than her. She carefully skinned the pelt, washed it in the lake and dried it on the open fire. Since it was a large boar, the pelt was big enough for everyone to cover themselves in.

The weather doesn't look too bad either. At this rate, we should be able to bear the coldness of the night.

Now that we don't have to worry about the night, we should have a meal. I left my favourite cookware behind, so I had to make them myself. I collected clay from the ground with earth magic, made an earthenware pot by heating and hardening it with fire magic, put in water with water magic, and then made hot pot with mushrooms and meat. I'm glad I keep salt and other necessary seasonings in my bag since I was able to make something good.

We gathered around the open fire, and although it was a bit early, we decided to have dinner. I gave everyone lots of soup with plenty of meat.

"Hot pot is irresistible on cold days." (*Freya*)

"Nn. Kearuga-sama's meals are always delicious." (*Setsuna*)

Freya and Setsuna stuffed their mouths with the soup and praised it. I was concerned since I made it differently to how I usually do, but it still turned out good.

"The taste doesn't change much, no matter who makes this kind of hot pot." (*Kearuga*)

"That's not true! When Setsuna makes it, the seasoning is off and it doesn't taste good!" (*Guren*)

"... It's annoying to hear that from Guren. But it's true. The ice wolf tribe is fine with eating anything as long as it's edible. Setsuna tried her best, but she couldn't make it as good as Kearuga-sama's hot pot." (*Setsuna*)

Setsuna happily ate the meat with the soup.

Since we were running out of ingredients, I mixed in the small amount of wheat flour I brought with me, making something soft float up.

Wheat flour is extremely useful for journeys since it fills you up easily. It's not as thick as noodles, but the squishy texture is interesting.

Everyone looked satisfied eating it.

Kureha looked up at the stars. However, she wasn't appreciating the view of the stars, she was checking our current location. Since we moved hundreds of kilometres without a map, being able to read the stars is necessary.

"As expected of you, Kearuga. You moved us in the right direction, even from the skies. At this rate, we should arrive by tomorrow night." (*Kureha*)



"That's true. The aircraft's strength increased because of our repairs and the stability improved too. If I let Freya handle it, we should be able to fly faster and longer than today." *(Kearuga)*

"Please leave it to me. Kearuga-sama, you can rest assured." *(Freya)*

"Yeah, thanks... I made the aircraft because we had no other choice, but it turned out quite well, huh." *(Kearuga)*

Looking at the aircraft illuminated by the open fire makes my chest hot. It's hard to put it into words, but I can say that it makes me excited.

"Today was full of surprises, but thinking about it calmly, this aircraft is actually an amazing invention, isn't it. It could cause a revolution in product distribution. Not only that, it could change how wars are carried out too." *(Kureha)*

She said quite great things about it, but considering the ability of the aircraft, it's definitely not an exaggeration.

"Only if you can gather enough, though. You'll need materials from dragons, and it's impossible to prepare enough wind if an elite magician doesn't fly it. It would just be a toy if you only had one or two of them." *(Kearuga)*

"That's true. But I feel like someday, people will be able to make them out of non-dragon materials and not use as much mana." *(Kureha)*

"Yeah, someday. The world will change completely once that day comes." *(Kearuga)*

This machine still has a lot of problems with it. Just as Kureha said, people might be able to make this without using materials from dragons, while also having a more efficient method of generating lift too. However, that will be in the far future.

For now, we'll be monopolising the means of flying through the sky. As long as we have this, we can fly wherever we want to, with an overwhelmingly fast speed.

"Goshujinsama, Guren just thought of something really good!" *(Guren)*

Guren looked up at me with mischievous eyes in her fox eared girl form.

"I have a bad feeling about this, but sure, say it." *(Kearuga)*

"We should go to the Grantsbach Empire instead of going to the Dioral Kingdom. And then, goshujinsama and Freya can go throw a bunch of massive range magic to attack their castle! The war will end if you do that." *(Guren)*

Guren is really merciless. I could clearly tell that from that statement.

"There are two risks of that. First off, if the hero of the **[Gun]** is in the Grantsbach Empire, there's a chance he might shoot us down. It's impossible to escape his range." *(Kearuga)*

"He'll probably be out on the front lines! The good part about the aircraft is that you can get carried away and fly past the soldiers, so you can strike their headquarters." *(Guren)*

"Still, it's dangerous to just decide that. And as for the second risk, there will probably be several allied countries attacking the Dioral Kingdom. The

war won't end by just destroying the Grantsbach Empire... also, there's another risk. We're planning to say that the Dioral Kingdom is in the right this time. So, we don't want to involve many citizens as we can't let ourselves look like villains." (*Kearuga*)

If we barge into the capital and reduce the whole place to ashes, we'll be massacring the citizens too. Once we do that, no one will listen to our words justice. I'm sure Ellen took measures regarding that, and I don't want to hinder that.

"That's annoying." (*Guren*)

"That's just what war is. Anyway, we should get some sleep soon."
(*Kearuga*)

"Yeah! Guren is very tired for some reason!" (*Guren*)

I transformed the ground with magic to make it easier to sleep on and covered myself in the pelt. It doesn't look like it's going to rain, so it should be fine like this.

Is what I thought, but...

"Guren, what are you doing?" (*Kearuga*)

"It's Guren's day today! Make it big, quick!" (*Guren*)

Guren started rubbing her cheeks against a certain place that I won't say the name of.

"No, we're all going to be sleeping in one pelt today, so we shouldn't."
(*Kearuga*)

"Hmph, it's Guren's day today, so I want to feel good!" (*Guren*)

Guren doesn't seem like she wants to yield. She really doesn't have any shame. Guren had already flung off her clothes.

Although I have group sex from time to time, it makes me flinch when I'm being seen by everyone else.

"Kearuga-sama, Setsuna wants your love too. She can't hold it in when you're showing it off beside her." (*Setsuna*)

Setsuna said that while taking off her clothes.

"... True, it is arousing. Besides, doing it under the starry sky doesn't sound that bad." (*Kureha*)

Kureha started taking off her skirt.

"Ahh, I don't like being left out." (*Freya*)

Freya also put her hand on her clothes.

"Ahh! It's Guren's day today! Guren won't let anyone else have the very thick, first shot!" (*Guren*)

It just turned out like this for some reason. All four of them are seducing me. My mind is going dizzy from the smell of females.

I guess it can't be helped. I have no choice but to accept it. Today, I'll give love to everyone under this starry sky. We might not have the time to do that anymore from tomorrow after all.

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In the end, we kept going until they couldn't stand up anymore and then departed towards the Dioral Kingdom the next morning.

I checked Guren's stomach, but as always, I couldn't see any swelling. It seems like it won't just pop out like that everytime.

Letting Freya control the wind made the aircraft go faster than yesterday, just as I had expected. However, since she didn't notice the times when the aircraft would occasionally raise shrieks or when it would change direction a little, I had to caution her every time... it made me worry more than flying it myself.

And then, the Dioral castle finally came into view.

The enemy army isn't close yet. I'm sure we arrived faster than Bullet expected us to. I should meet up with Ellen immediately and polish up a plan.

Chapter 14: The healing magician makes it in time

The next morning, we restarted our air travel on the aircraft.

Yesterday was a disaster. I didn't think everyone would join in with Guren and overdo it. Well, having group sex outside without a tent was a nice, fresh experience though.

... Oops, I shouldn't be thinking about that right now. If I leave her alone, we won't be able to go to the Dioral Kingdom.

"Freya, you changed directions again. Go west." (*Kearuga*)

"We, west? Um, so is that right, or is that left!?" (*Freya*)

"Left." (*Kearuga*)

The aircraft was stabilised because of my adjustments and reinforcements, so even Freya can fly it now.

However, there's a big difference between flying it and handling it. Even if it looked like we were flying forward, either the side wind would be pushing against us, or the wind that Freya generated would be distorted, making us unable to move forward.

I handed her a compass, and yet I still don't feel like I can rely on her sense of direction, considering how she just asked me whether that was right or left.

She should just follow the compass and head towards the direction I told her to go, but she's been confused since a while ago, changing the route multiple times. The aircraft itself was shaking furiously, creaking and making unpleasant sounds.

"... Freya, like I said, it's fine to take it slow when you're changing direction. Doing it in a rush like that puts too much burden on the frame." (*Kearuga*)

"O-okay! Um, I'm sorry." (*Freya*)

Freya had changed direction in a hurry with all her power, so we turned too much this time, damaging the frame even more. I was about to point out the fact that we turned too much, but I decided against it.

Telling her that when she's in a panic will just make her do something excessive. I should wait for her to calm down.

"Kearuga-sama, you should swap with Freya." (*Setsuna*)

"Guren agrees! It's very scary! Guren doesn't care if we're going right or left, but at this rate, we might even go straight down!" (*Guren*)

Guren learnt that the aircraft is safe because of her experience yesterday, and she was even swinging her tail while gazing outside at the start. However, now she's more frightened than yesterday because of Freya's rough operating, causing her proud, fluffy tail to shrink, her nails to cling onto my clothes and her body to tremble violently. This fox cub is a coward.

"Don't be like that, I'm sure she'll get used to it soon. She's gotten a lot better from when she first flew it, after all." (*Kearuga*)

"I-I'll do my best!" (*Freya*)

Kureha made the sign of the cross on her chest after hearing Freya's reply... I feel like she was the rudest out of everyone.

... There were plenty of problems, but the aircraft was still flying faster than if I were to control it.

Our mana quantity and mana recovery speed are just on completely different levels. All my mana would be exhausted in half a day if I was flying it.

However, Freya's automatic mana recovery is so terrifying that it catches up to the amount she's using right now, so she can keep on flying forever at this speed. I want Freya to learn how to properly fly an aircraft for the future, which is why I'm patiently teaching her right now.

Guren hid in my coat with teary eyes and curled herself up with her eyes closed and her fox ears flat down, not wanting to see or hear anything.

I look at the compass.

Fumu, I figured it would be about time to warn her that we're turning too far, but it seems she tried to fix the course on her own. Regardless of what everyone else is saying, it looks like she is getting better, little by little. By the time we reach the Dioral Kingdom, I'm sure she'll be a professional at this.

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... One of the wings broke off. It snapped perfectly, right from the root.

The aircraft became single-winged, disturbing the balance and making us spin, causing a loss of direction and then an intense floating sensation. We're clearly falling. Right when you think you've gotten used to it, you're in the most dangerous situation. I forgot such an obvious fact.

"Kyaaaaaaaaa, Kearuga-sama, right, left, which, which way should I go!?" (*Freya*)

Freya started panicking, which made it spin all the more, amplified the damage to the aircraft, made us lose our sense of direction and damaged my three semicircular canals which made me lose my balance too.

Ah, the ailerons finally came off too. Thankfully, though, the Dioral castle is imminent so we could walk there.

Before this happened, Freya's handling was steadily getting better. Both the speed and stability increased, and it was comfortable enough for the fox cub in my coat to timidly put its face out. Although the direction was wrong sometimes, she was making the appropriate corrections without hardship.

And yet, as soon as the Dioral castle came into sight, Freya started happily flying towards it at full power. I'm sure I taught her the max speed it can handle multiple times, but it seems she forgot out of excitement.

Since the aircraft isn't strong enough to handle Freya's full power, one wing snapped off, making us spin round and round while falling. At least we're spinning horizontally though since we would've been thrown off if we were spinning vertically.

"Kyaaaaa, this is why Guren said Freya's no good!" (*Guren*)

“... Nn. We probably won’t die. But Setsuna might vomit from the spinning.” (*Setsuna*)

“You two are surprisingly composed, aren’t you.” (*Kureha*)

I’m relieved that everyone other than Freya isn’t panicking. With their statuses, these three won’t die from crashing, as long as nothing extreme happens. As long as they’re not dead, I can do something about it with **[Recovery Heal]**.

“Freya, don’t do anything!” (*Kearuga*)

“O, okay!” (*Freya*)

The wind stopped as I shouted at her to not do anything. If she had continued panicking while controlling the wind, something irreversible might’ve happened.

Since one of the wings broke and flew off to somewhere far away, we kept spinning, regardless of the wind stopping.

I made a soft, wind cushion to wrap the whole aircraft up. And then, I linked my mind to the wind cushion. As it lost its lift, the aircraft is steadily accelerating down by gravity. Impact. The wind cushion collided with the ground. The aircraft was accelerating faster than I thought it would, so I won’t be able to kill the impact completely with this.

With ultra-precise actions, I kept raising the strength of the wind cushion multiple times a second. Strengthening it in one go wouldn’t kill the impact.

And once I had weakened the impact enough, I slid the aircraft with the wind, converting the downwards force to go to the side and made another wind cushion in front.

The speed is gradually falling... it seems we miraculously crashed towards the Dioral castle, as the aircraft stopped right in front of the rampart.

Setsuna and everyone sluggishly began to crawl out.

Setsuna crouched and vomited on the spot. Since the ice wolf tribe has extremely great balance and reflexes, they take even greater damage than humans when their three semicircular canals are rattled.

Freya and Kureha both have ghastly pale faces and blank eyes.

It’s quite tough for me too. All I can say is that I was lucky to have succeeded in controlling my magic.

Guren crawled out of my coat and changed into her girl form.

“Freya’s banned from flying! Guren thought she was going to die!” (*Guren*)

Setsuna nodded and Kureha smiled wryly as they heard those words.

“I’m sorry. I’m reflecting on it.” (*Freya*)

“... No worries, I can help you practice if we have time, and everyone else can get on once I judge it to be safe enough. You guys are fine with that, right?” (*Kearuga*)

“Nn. Setsuna is fine if Kearuga-sama says it is.” (*Setsuna*)

“Guren will allow that much!” (*Guren*)

I'm glad the two that took the most damage are fine with it. I just hope that Freya herself hasn't gotten a trauma from that incident... I looked at Freya's face while thinking that, but for some reason, she was smiling happily.

"Please let me do so. Although it ended like that, flying the aircraft was very fun and exciting, and I definitely don't want to make this the last time."
(Freya)

I was astonished at how bold Freya was.

Soldiers run out of the Dioral castle and surround us... I mean, at least I didn't have to call for them.

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Once I explained our circumstances, they lead us to the castle. Since I'm considered a hero, they remembered my face, which advanced the conversation without any trouble.

According to the soldiers, they thought the aircraft was a new species of dragon or something and were fairly frightened by it.

I requested them to collect the broken wing. After all, only dragons materials are strong and light enough to make an aircraft. I'm not expecting to obtain anymore, so I have to make use of what I've got.

The soldiers lead me to the army headquarters where Ellen was giving out instructions. The enemy army's location, route and size have been drawn on the map.

... Seems like my expectations were correct. They stranded us in the desert so they could oppress the Dioral Kingdom's capital with blitzkrieg tactics. Since the Dioral Kingdom national power declined from the Dioral king's insanity, the enemy would've been able to overpower them.

"Kearuga-niisama, I am so glad you have returned!" (Ellen)

Ellen rushed up to me once she noticed I had come back. I ask her a question after looking at the map.

"There are around five thousand enemies, and if they were forced to keep marching, they might reach by tomorrow evening." (Kearuga)

"Yes, it seems so. However, they possess multiple heroes too so they might make the heroes go ahead of them, which would be possible today too." (Ellen)

I nod.

Special forces like heroes can break obvious rules like "*war is a matter of number*".

Heroes are capable of carrying out impossible strategies like attacking the enemy capital alone, forcing their way through the castle and killing the king, ending the war. It sounds like a joke, but it has actually happened in a war in the past.

That's exactly why every country's king has their strongest individuals always by their side. In reality, Ellen has someone from the distinguished family that produces **[Sword Saints]** every generation. Kureha's older brother.

As far as I can see with my **[Jade Eye]**, he's two or three grades lower than Kureha in skill. However, you could also say that he is only a little inferior compared to Kureha. Since the Dioral Kingdom lost its three champions, he's probably the strongest person in it.

"What reasons are they using to start the war anyway?" (*Kearuga*)

Reasons are important.

The Dioral Kingdom purged the insane king and declared that they will continue protecting humanity from the demons, so if they don't have a just cause, they will be criticised by other countries for causing a serious crime of damaging the shield that protects humanity.

"There was a declaration of war that came from the hero of the **[Gun]**'s testimony. He stated that the Dioral king went mad because of the power he got from the demon king, which caused a calamity. The Dioral Kingdom was no longer a shield that protected humanity, but the demon king's vanguard. And the hero of **[Healing]**, Kearu, that killed the demon king and the Dioral king, is no champion but just a person who was enthralled by the next demon king, who is making him sell people's country to her... that declaration of war was sent to us from an alliance of three countries. The five thousand we can see now are probably just the advance party." (*Ellen*)

"That's true. If we're up against three countries, there's no way they would try to end it with just five thousand. Their troop headquarters are probably in the middle of organising themselves right now... he chose to point me out, huh." (*Kearuga*)

"The current Dioral Kingdom belongs to Freya... princess Flare, and her lover, who will become the next king is you, Kearuga-niisama, so it is only natural for them to aim at you." (*Ellen*)

"I get most of it. It's basically going as I thought it would." (*Kearuga*)

"Yes, it is. However, the strange thing is that they were too quick. I knew they would use this sort of method to gain sympathy from other countries, so I had made my countermeasures, but I was not fast enough... I just don't understand how three countries were able to make this decision and execute it so quickly, that it makes me feel unpleasant." (*Ellen*)

The hero of the **[Gun]**, Bullet, was probably the one who spread the information that I'm Eve's lover, but I don't understand why the others trust him. How was Bullet able to get three countries to start a war with him so easily at such an incredible speed?

"... We don't understand that, but we need to take measures. First, we should stop the leading five thousand troops. Then, let's persuade them. I want to have a conference between the Dioral Kingdom and the three countries. Ellen, can you prepare a location and make representatives from the three countries sit there?" (*Kearuga*)

"It is possible. If I make use of the plan I prepared to win the war, I should be able to make them sit at a conference with us. That is only if we can stop this five thousand, though. We will also need spectators. I will gather as many as I can." (*Ellen*)

"Alright, I'm counting on you." (*Kearuga*)

"Kearuga-niisama, how many soldiers should I send to intercept the advance party?" (*Ellen*)

"Freya and I can do it alone. I'll be leaving Setsuna, Guren and Kureha here. With these three, you should be able to cope with Bullet even if he personally comes here." (*Kearuga*)

"Just two people against five thousand. If it wasn't you who said that, Kearuga-sama, I would have laughed it off... well then, I will leave that to you, and use all my power to make a place where we can have a conference." (*Ellen*)

We've each decided on what we have to do. As for me, I have to first annihilate the advance party.

To do that, I'll have to repair the aircraft. We're taking on five thousand troops as a duo, and killing those small fries one by one is too bothersome. So, we're going to need it. I made Freya practice handling the aircraft so it would be easier for me and we would travel more distance, but that's not all.

It's because magicians have a profoundly great compatibility with the aircraft. That fact will most likely be shown today.

Chapter 15: The healing magician bombs

We were able to return to the Dioral Kingdom before the war began.

If we had proceeded to go through the desert on foot, the Dioral Kingdom would've been gone by the time we got back.

I detested the Dioral Kingdom and wanted to destroy it, but it's become my property now. It would be a waste to lose it. Besides, Ellen was in the Dioral Kingdom. She probably would've been killed as a warning to the citizens. There's no way I could allow that.

I'm having a strategy meeting with Ellen and Freya in a special room. We don't know where the information might be leaking from, so we have to be extra careful.

"As expected of you, Kearuga-nisama, you made an artificial dragon to return so quickly. With an artificial dragon and Freya's power, we should be able to cause serious damage to them. Is this place fine as the attacking point?" (*Ellen*)

Ellen pointed at a place on the map.

She's talking about a narrow ravine path that's around a hundred kilometers away from the Dioral Kingdom, where there are tall rocks surrounding the path from both sides, making it hard to move about in it. Furthermore, it's a straight path that continues for a long way.

"Yeah. That's the best place for Freya to make use of her power. It's usually tough for the attacking side too, but we can attack from above. Fighting them when they're on terrain that's hard to move on is a complete advantage for us." (*Kearuga*)

"That's interesting. I bet they wouldn't even think we would attack them while they're crossing through it. I'm sure they wouldn't expect to receive heavy damage at this timing." (*Freya*)

"While we're at it, we should destroy the walls on both sides to block the path. If they can't use this ravine path, they'll need to take two more days to take a detour. Well, doing that would probably affect merchants badly, but we're fighting a war here. We don't have to care about that." (*Kearuga*)

"Yes, I permit it. Kearuga-nisama, I wish you good luck." (*Ellen*)

Someone knocked on the door.

The soldiers came. It seems they collected the wing that broke off. Now I can start repairing the aircraft.

We need to ambush them before they pass through the ravine path. I don't have that much time to repair it, so I should do it as fast as I can.

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Freya and I are flying through the sky together.

I made another improvement to the aircraft. I reinforced it with the mithril I had on me.

I could've reinforced it from the start, but using metal increases the weight by a lot.

If I was flying it, the increase in weight would have far greater disadvantages, but now that Freya, who has a monstrous amount of mana, is controlling it, I decided that it would be better to increase the strength so it can handle even faster speeds than before.

"It feels a lot better than yesterday." (*Freya*)

Freya talked enthusiastically beside me.

The aircraft is already able to go twice the speed we were going yesterday.

"You can accelerate a bit more if you want, but don't even think about going any faster than that." (*Kearuga*)

"Okay, I won't increase the speed anymore." (*Freya*)

Hearing her joyful voice made me think that it's not a good idea to believe in her words. I'll forcefully decelerate it if I need to.

If I just made the whole aircraft out of orichalcum, it would be light, but also strong enough to handle Freya's full power. However, the problem is that I don't know how many times I need to impregnate Guren to get that much orichalcum.

It's not realistic.

Thanks to her growth from yesterday, Freya has learnt to check the compass while advancing in the direction I tell her to go to.

That being said, she's not good at reading maps, so even if I tell her where to go on the map, she doesn't even know where she is, so she doesn't know which direction to fly either, and even when I told her where to go, after a while, she couldn't tell how far she had progressed.

... You need good enough knowledge and intuition to read the map though, so it's unfair of me to want Freya to be able to do this.

That's why she needs me as her navigator, but I'm also here to guarantee her safety.

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Since we flew faster than I expected, we landed to take a break and replenish ourselves and then flew off again.

... At this rate, we're going to be above the enemy's heads before they even get to the ravine. I thought we would just barely make it when we departed, but sacrificing the weight for a higher speed succeeded, and Freya didn't do anything reckless.

Still, we can't relax just yet. We definitely can't afford to fail this. Our ambush will determine how many of the five thousand soldiers will enter the Dioral Kingdom territory. If we can't take care of the majority here, thousands of citizens in the Dioral Kingdom will have to shed blood.

I'm not saying this out of my sense of justice. This country is my toy. I won't forgive anyone that steals from me.

"It's about time. Freya, raise the altitude." (*Kearuga*)

"Okay!" (*Freya*)

Normally, you're supposed to change direction by adjusting the wings, but it's not good to make the aircraft weaker by using that adjustment mechanism.

That's why I use the wind to change direction, but Freya skillfully pushed up the nose of the plane with the wind. Great, she's completely better than yesterday.

We continue rising, higher and higher.

I put mana into my eyes to activate both my **[Jade Eye]** and my **[Kokushigan]**.

The **[Jade Eye]** has the power to see far away things, enhance my kinetic vision and find out the essence of things in my vision, and my **[Kokushigan]** has the power to see several seconds in the future.

By using my **[Jade Eye]**, I see the enemy troops in a considerable amount of rows, because of their number. While looking at the soldiers' capability, I choose the bombing point that would cause the most damage.

The aircraft stopped at an altitude of two thousand meters and then started falling down.

Freya started chanting.

A magician's greatest weakness is their chant. Elite magicians are able to cast up to rank three magic without chanting, depending on their training. However, you need to chant for higher ranked magic no matter what, and you can't chant while doing something else either.

Since more than ninety percent of your mind is focused on it, you can't defend yourself while chanting. That's why I don't use anything higher than rank three magic when I'm fighting on the front lines.

However, higher ranked magic has greater strength, so even if you have to take some risks, it's good to use it. You need to reserve plenty of time to chant, as high-rank magic can change battles completely. However, enemies need to be in the range of the magic, and you can't let them aim for you, which is why they always aim for magicians in wars.

"However, there's no risk of that if you chant in the sky." (*Kearuga*)

After all, we're two thousand meters in the sky. Nothing can reach us when we're this high. Freya can chant safely without needing any guards protecting her. On top of that, she's able to aim wherever she wants to since we're right above them.

There's another advantage to attacking from the sky. When you shoot enemies that are far away, you need to make the magic fly in an arc, but Freya can just shoot it straight down without having to do so.

Since we're above them, her accuracy and range were increased greatly. The magic that Freya's trying to cast has a range of two hundred meters. However, that range will at least double if she's shooting it downwards.

... Ever since I learnt of the aircraft, I had always thought that its compatibility with magicians was the best. I'm going to prove that thought here.

The aircraft accelerated as it was pulled by gravity. Freya opened her eyes, and in her hands, there was a red, blazing mass of mana.

I look at the ground with my **[Jade Eye]**, where I could see the enemy army marching through the narrow ravine path.

I adjust the angle of Freya's hand since I'm in charge of helping her make the bombing successful. With this eye, I'm able to bomb the most effective point.

Not a single soldier of the enemy army had noticed us, as they hadn't expected an attack from far in the skies. Six hundred, five hundred meters, alright, let's shoot it.

Just as I thought that.

We were bombarded with white, shining mana that pierced through the aircraft and turned it into pieces, and Freya's magic discharged. I received serious injuries as I was engulfed by that flame explosion... I saw a future where that happened.

That's the power of the magic eye that the god bird gave me, the **[Kokushigan]**.

If I'm able to see it, I can deal with it. I too fired a lump of mana and adjusted the trajectory so that it would hit the one I saw in the future.

The two lumps of mana collided, cancelling each other out, and we pierced through that light with the aircraft.

"Bad luck, Bullet!" (*Kearuga*)

He's able to predict unpredictable attacks, and his bombarding has the greatest range among all heroes. He can make the impossible, possible. That's right, he predicted that we would come.

There's no way I would underrate Bullet. I'm the one that detests him the most and acknowledges him the most, after all.

"Fire!" (*Kearuga*)

"Rank seven magic... **[Star]!**" (*Freya*)

Rank five magic is said to be the limit for humanity. Freya was able to perfect rank seven magic, which even surpasses rank six magic that crosses that limit.

A magic that only Freya was allowed to use, was fired.

It was like an ultra-small sun. The air around it warped in heat as it fell.

Even though the miniature sun hadn't even hit the ground yet, soldiers within a few hundred meters of it burnt to death, to the point that it was like they weren't even there in the first place.

Freya continued controlling the aircraft after she had finished firing the magic and made a steep swoop upwards. It's a move that she practised multiple times before we had departed. The second she did so, the miniature sun exploded, scattering flames several kilometers away.

I check the damage to the enemies with my **[Jade Eye]**.

With just one magic spell, although this is a rough estimate, over two thousand soldiers died, and more than a thousand soldiers suffered serious injuries from the aftermath.

Furthermore, both sides of the path crumbled down as they were devastatingly damaged, so the path was blocked up by earth and sand. ... As expected of the magic that was called war-class magic in the first world.

"How was it, Kearuga-sama?" (*Freya*)

"Perfect. The vanguards were annihilated. One of the heroes was buried too." (*Kearuga*)

I made the centre of the explosion aim towards a place that would bury the most enemies, but I also aimed for the people with strong mana.

... Strangely, although I couldn't aim for Bullet because he hid his presence and mana, I was able to get another hero instead.

There are around two thousand survivors, and a thousand of them are severely wounded. Normally, they would decide to retreat. Most of these soldiers are probably useless.

They didn't lose the war, they were just annihilated during their march, without even knowing what had happened... they don't know when the same thing will happen again. Their hearts should be broken. Being able to attack from the sky, means that I can aim at them whenever and wherever.

Normal people definitely wouldn't be able to keep marching in that situation. The soldiers will most likely bring back the information to their country and stop the reinforcements. After all, even if their reinforcements did come, they would definitely go through the same thing. As long as they aren't too incompetent, I'm sure they'll do that.

That was my real objective.

No idiot would run away from a war he can win. By showing off how much of a threat we are, we can make them negotiate with us. On top of that, this ambush will become an extremely strong card to use when we're negotiating.

... I can tell them that we'll use the same magic from the sky onto their capital if they try anything again. They can't stop us from invading with an aircraft. In reality, I'm able to annihilate their higher-ups whenever I want to.

"Kearuga-sama, how was my magic?" (*Freya*)

"It was great. You controlled the aircraft well too. I didn't think you could do everything so perfectly." (*Kearuga*)

I praise her in honesty, as she did better than I thought she would.

"I'm happy. So, well, when we return, can you give me a reward? I want your love. Since I fired magic with all my power, I'm throbbing and throbbing so much that I just can't help it." (*Freya*)

She looked at my face with moist eyes. I certainly did notice that smell, and I have been hearing a damp sound since before. It seems like Freya has become an unbelievable pervert.



"Sure, that's fine... I was thinking of doing it in the sky, but I guess that's too dangerous. Let's do it when we return." (*Kearuga*)

"Yes!" (*Freya*)

"I'll say this just in case, but don't hurry. If you break the aircraft again, I'm going to postpone your reward." (*Kearuga*)

"... I understand." (*Freya*)

She definitely didn't understand. Although I strengthened it, it still can't take Freya's full power. She was almost about to break it again.

Now then, that magic fell where the people with strong mana had gathered. I was able to confirm that we destroyed one of their heroes, but I don't know if we dealt with Bullet.

Well, he's probably still alive. I'm the only one that can kill him. I'm sure of it.

Chapter 16: The Healers Plots

Just in case, though exhausting, to use my **[Kokushigan]** was a good idea. If not, we would've been shot down by the **[Cannon]** Hero Bullet.

The perfect ambush, a play which was supposedly unimaginable by normal standards was read and intercepted... but still, we still had the upper hand.

"Kearuga-sama, is it really alright not to go and finish him?" (*Freya*)

"Aa, don't mind it. With our numbers, we wouldn't be able to move forward. We won't do unnecessary killings." (*Kearuga*)

"How kind." (*Freya*)

"It's not really like that. I just don't want to bear unnecessary risks." (*Kearuga*)

Our goal for now is ultimately to just stop them on their tracks. If we destroyed the vanguard, the main force would have caught up, besides we've been warned not to advance like that. That's cause we are aiming to make a situation for a meeting place where the signing of the Ceasefire Agreement could take place.

For the sake of the Ceasefire Agreement, any useless killings are unnecessary. With a big heart, I'll let them live.

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Returning to the castle, we gave the report of our battle to Ellen and the others from the army. Also, using this occasion, I explained to them the specifics of Bombardment Magic.

It's maximum range, effective range, power, war usage, its disadvantages, and also, the measure I would use to counter it.

"Thanks for your hard work, Kearuga-nisama. The raid this time would have been quite large in scale and would have stopped the invasion. This bombardment magic will become a surely strong card." (*Ellen*)

Ellen's words cause the staff members to refute response. In response, Ellen tried persuaded them. The staff members still wanted to be on guard for something, but such an invasion should be impossible.

What's more, with the main road made unusable destroyed by a landslide. They would have to go around it or remove it, either way, it should take them a lot of time. And with them spending time on it, the risk of getting bombarded would increase and what's more, they would need funds for its removal. With that situation in mind, unless they are able to create a countermeasure against Freya's bombardment magic, they should be unable to advance their armies.

"Kearuga-nisama, would it be okay if you'd stayed in the castle for a while? While the enemy is unable to invade us, the most you can do is hunt for the heads of their elites. If the enemy would still not give up, you would do that right? Listening to Kearuga-nisama story, I think that it'd be apt to say that there's a chance that even if you're alone you would go to fight

against the Braves, however, please don't forget that they still have two on their side." (*Ellen*)

"I guess you're right, okay then, Freya, Ellen, sleep with me tonight. As long as the two of you are safe, I don't care what happens to the others. While the two of you are at my side, whoever the enemy will be, I will never allow them to kill you." (*Kearuga*)

Freya was this country's famous ruler. While Ellen is this country's actual ruler. The people I should protect are only these two.

"With pleasure, Kearuga-niisama!" (*Ellen*)

"Of course, we won't just be sleeping right? I can't wait." (*Freya*)

The two entwined their arms with mine.

This time they really did a good job. I will properly reward them on top of the bed. Sleeping with my two favorite sisters at the same time. But let's have a taste first. It's been a month since I last slept with Ellen, I don't think I'd be able to wait till night.

"Kyaa! Kearuga-sama, what in the world are you?!" (*Ellen*)

"Raising such a strange voice, something wrong? More importantly, let's continue the war council." (*Kearuga*)

With dignity Ellen continued on the war council, while at the same time, from everyone's blind spot, I stood besides her, touching the places not normally seen by anyone from behind. It was quite a sight to see Ellen desperately try to hide it from showing on her face.

... As expected, I got quite aroused. And with the war council done and everybody out, along with that flow I decided to enjoy her. From a while ago, she the freedom to enjoy this kind of play, but now was different. That was how much the bombardment magic of Freya's effect of the war had.

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4 days had passed since then.

There had been no signs of any movements from the 3 enemy countries, the people from the Anbu just continued to send information. The Deural Kingdom that picked a fight with the 3 kingdoms really caused them to panic. That's because without being able to cross the borders the 5,000 strong vanguards were decimated. The survivors had also become useless.

With that information being sent to the 3 kingdoms any plans to attack were rejected as I had expected. Anyone with a right mind would think of that.

Before the bombing, any offers of a Ceasefire agreement from our side would immediately be rejected, However, with the situation as is, they would most likely agree to it now. That's because the enemies are currently thinking that we would just bomb the capital, which is the center of the country. The top brass of the soldiers was afraid of such an event. The nobles that lived in the capital were currently moving away from the residential areas.

You can't blame them for it, that's because this world doesn't have any means to protect itself from any threats that come from the sky.

“For that Bombardment magic to have such an effect, it might as well be considered strategic class magic.” *(Ellen)*

Ellen absentmindedly said as she organized the information.

Strategic Class Magic and Tactical Class Magic are very different. Tactical Magic can decide how a single skirmish flows. If we take that raid as an example, one could also say that it is a Tactical Class Magic... And, Strategic Class Magic decides how a war between nations flow from a broad perspective. That bomb didn't only put a stop to that raid, it also affected the whole war and as a result, we could also say that it is a Strategic Class Magic.

As long as we are able to use that explosion, it's quite certain that the 3 countries won't be able to invade. As long as we have that, we are able to hold a place for the Ceasefire Agreement and they'd be more willing to accept that Agreement. That bomb did not only affect the raid, but it also affects the war as a whole.

“It's exactly like what Ellen said, it is complete a Strategic Class Magic. How Scary.” *(Kearuga)*

It's also partly because our enemies had been beings like the Demon Lord and King Dioral who obtained the power of the Transcendents, Freya wasn't able to actually achieve anything. However, in annihilating large armies, she is the perfect person for it. Other than Freya, no one is able to fight off against a 5,000 strong army by themselves.

“If you praise me that much, even I would get embarrassed. I am really happy that I was useful to Kearuga-sama.” *(Freya)*

Recently, Freya has been in a good mood. She has been conscious of how her chances to shine had been quite slim, for her to become this useful her worries might be cleared.

“Ellen, have there been any changes?” *(Kearuga)*

“Well. The preparations should be yielding its results by now. Actually, around the time when we noticed the 3 countries were invading, our pipelines to the countries that are hostile to them have already been prepared. The moment those 3 countries attacked, the table was already set for them to use for them to attack.” *(Ellen)*

A very devious and effective hand to play. I can understand why Ellen said that she had an ace up her sleeve. Though Ellen said it simply, it is a fact that countries are not that easy to manipulate like that. The enemy of my enemy is my ally. A more acceptable method rather than playing as allies.

“Did you use that move?” *(Kearuga)*

“Yes, I prepared it for events like war was to happen. Though it was quite expensive, with just move, those 3 countries should not be able to continue being hostile to Dioral Kingdom.” *(Ellen)*

“Yep. if they were to Invade Dioral Kingdom, they are unable to attack because they would be scared of the Bombarisc. Even more importantly, they would be unable to protect the center of their countries. What's more,

countries other than Dioral Kingdom have plans to attack them..... as a result, they are unable to move." (*Kearuga*)

It'd be weak if it only just bombed. Thanks to Ellen's preparations, around 100% they will surely take a seat.

"But, Kearuga-sama. We don't really need to do these troublesome things, With just my Bombs, not only the King, but also the castle would just go boom and everything would easily end." (*Freya*)

"If we only want to win this war then yes. If we do that, it would only end there. Every country would be afraid of Dioral Kingdom, think of it like this.... Next, it will be our country. If that happens then it'll be a war between Dioral Kingdom and other countries. It won't end until all of the human countries are ruled by Dioral Kingdom... The Ceasefire Agreement that Ellen and I try to achieve does not only involve the 3 countries, but we want many more to gather. There, Dioral Kingdom would wish for peace and would be seen as a gentle country and would be accepted as such by other countries." (*Kearuga*)

Between individuals, the thought of only having to victory is okay. However, if we change the subject to between countries, it's the things after victory is what's more important. In wars, there are winners that gained nothing but lost a lot and losers that gained a lot. Only 3rd class people look at wars as a single element like losing and winning.

"Hee, Kearuga-sama also thinks about really hard things." (*Freya*)

"That's my job. Different from everyone, I don't have any fighting power to be of use to Kearuga-sama but only this." (*Ellen*)

Ellen looked lonely as she smiled. Seeing Ellen like that, with a pomf, I placed my hand on her head.

"Don't be humble. Ellen, that power is more important than a soldier that is able to kill thousands. I need that Ellen. Be proud of it." (*Kearuga*)

"Yes, Kearuga-niisama" (*Ellen*)

Her eyes became teary and waiting for a kiss, to which I gladly answered.

In fact, if it were not for Ellen being here, I would not have thought to obtain Dioral Kingdom. Though if she was really a handful, I would have threw her away. My women, though different, are great in their own rights.

While I was thinking of that, in one breath, a single soldier entered the strategy camp.

"Just earlier, a messenger from Gransbach Empire had arrived.and have decided to have a seat in response to the talks that we desire. However, the talks should be held within the territory, Dioral Kingdom's representative, Princess Freya is required to participate." (*Soldier*)

Overlooking Ellen, she nodded her head.

Things have come just as we planned. With these talks, the righteousness of Dioral Kingdom will come to the stage. The 3 countries that had come seeking for a Ceasefire won't be able to refute us and will prioritize in advancing the talks. That was what the strategy has been.

However, there is a bit of a concern. No matter how much they might be on it, the enemies are thinking of having Freya, Princess Freya, which is the biggest threat removed by assassination is not all that weird. Such troubles are bound to occur.

However, with that as a reason, I will show them how I achieve my objectives. They need to pay for their sins of trying to destroy my properties (toys).

Chapter 17: The Healing Magician triggers a trapped

Ever since it that a conference would be held between the 3 countries, an agreement to no skirmishes had been agreed upon up until a decision had been made.

For some consecutive days, Ellen had been quite busy. Of course she would be. Other than the 3 countries, she had invited other countries to lower their position.

For peace or a ceasefire, it is expected to have a 3rd party country to attend. It's because, if only those who were related were there, then discussion any talks would end well and would be overturned later on.

However, if a 3rd party country were there, then the talks could advance and the agreements could be enforced... but, there is no way a 3rd party country would be truly neutral. In fact, they would join in to place some tricks in the agreement to place their own countries in a good position. Before the conference, each country should be desperate to place such tricks.

In some ways, this could also be called a war zone.

"Kearuga-sama, is it really okay to not help?" (*Freya*)

"Truthfully speaking, I'd just be a bother if I gave her a hand. Leaving it all to Ellen is the best choice." (*Kearuga*)

It was currently past noon, I had spent all day lazily on bend and replied. Also, I and Freya were naked on top of the bed.

On a side note, Kureha was asked to go with the knights to train them. Receiving the instructions of the Sword Saint, the knight's morale were on the rise, as well as their skills.

Setsuna was also with the knights and was receiving the training. Setsuna's battle style and sword techniques were bad, that is why there was a need for her to look closely. It's a good chance for her to learn.

In such a way, everyone were currently doing their best. So, it was quite painful to spend my time with Freya since morning.

"Listen closely Freya, the worst thing to do is pull Ellen down. Against them, Freya should act as Princess Flare and act as the country's representative. Freya's words will be thought of as Dioral Kingdom's will." (*Kearuga*)

"... Yes, it's quite nerve wracking." (*Freya*)

"You do know that it is not good to continue on being nervous right? That's why we're doing this to help you forget your nervousness." (*Kearuga*)

I hugged Freya from behind. And, enjoyed her soft bare skin.

"Don't think with your own head. Ellen and I will write the script. If by chance, a scenario not on the script occurs, just look at me or Ellen's face. We will surely support you. Even if something goes wrong, don't think with your head. At the conference, along with the enemy countries, everyone are

professionals. They are not the kind of people Freya can go up against.”
(Kearuga)

It’s not a fact that I was just spending my days lazily.

In the first place, at this juncture, since I absolutely can’t afford to lose Ellen, so I can’t move from here to have the perfect timing to protect her. In reality, while I was doing these things, I was partly using wind magic and surrounded Ellen with a with that had my consciousness to observe her.

I am also doing this to teach Freya. Repeatedly telling her not to think. For me, the worst thing that could happen is for Freya to go out of control since she isn’t used to these kinds of things. And, we’d end up with a troublesome words to swallow.

As I made love with Freya, don’t think, if there’s nothing to do, just look at me. And, repeating those words was the best way to imprint it into her.

The script was already done. As long as there’s no problems, everything should proceed as planned.

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8 days before the conference, we departed bringing with the the minimum amount of diplomats and escorts.

With Freya’s magic, we went through a detour around the highway that would take 7 days which means will arrive very near the deadline.

If we went through the shortest route, Freya would be able to blast through the sand and mud, in the middle of the meeting, the risk of Dioral Kingdom receiving an ambush increases. That’s why we chose the slow detour.

With all of my women that would participate in the conference, we headed to Gransbach Empire. Even if we don’t use the main highway, there is still a chance to receive an ambush but, truthfully speaking, so long as Ellen and Freya are with me, reconstructing Dioral Kingdom is possible.

As such, since the two were the main targets, I warily concentrated our forces. That’s because, the conference this time being a plan to lure Freya and kill her causing us to be unable to use bombs is high, as if teaching us.

“Kearuga-sama, carriages are slow. Body’s weak.” (Setsuna)

“Raptor, Dragons, since we had gotten used to riding them, this would feel slow. In fact, this carriage we are riding is quite good and is really fast as a carriage.” (Kearuga)

Carriages can only go up to 12 km/s only and are not really fast. If we had them run the speed may go up twice but they would immediately be exhausted.

“Setsuna, I’ll leave guarding the surroundings to you... not just assassins, bandits may also appear.” (Kearuga)

“Laave it to me, I’ll continue to be on guard.” (Setsuna)

The white wolf ears started moving restlessly.

Simply speaking, Freya **[Heat Sense]** is the most effective in searching for enemies but, that uses too much nerves and can’t be used for a long time.

Other than to used for guarding, Setsuna's Ears don't really have other uses. So let's leave it to her.

And so, the carriage moves on.

It's very boring. Since it so boring, can't help but wish for the assassins to come.

To kill some time, I placed my head on top of Setsuna's lap and played with her tail. Setsuna's wolf tail feels really smooth like silk to the touch and playing with it can really calms me. Having Setsuna leak some hot moans can be quite fun.

"Ah, nn, Keauraga-sama, that place is a no." (*Setsuna*)

"It's training to be able to concentrate no matter what the situation is." (*Kearuga*)

Not only playing with her tail, rubbing her on various places is not just fun for me but also for Setsuna. That's why let's put our hands in different parts and love her.

"Un, I'll do my best. But later... they came." (*Setsuna*)

"Tch, even though we were in the good part." (*Kearuga*)

Cause of boredom, I wanted them to come but to come at such a bad time.

"Setsuna, can you do it alone?" (*Kearuga*)

"Gladly. I really want to move my body now." (*Setsuna*)

They were the assassins hired to kill us. They should be quite strong. That's why, for Setsuna, they should make for a good study material. Without saying too much, let's observe her.

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A week later, 1 day before the conference we arrived to Gransbach Empire's Capital.

After the first attack, a few more followed after it.

When the bandits were captured, they committed suicide by using the poison they had placed at the back part of their teeth. Doing such actions was enough for us to know that they were not bandits but assassins hired to eliminate us.

That is because those people that are bandits are dirty. They don't care about anything as long as they are alive. They are those kind of people. They would never commit suicide. They were fake.

...it's just that they were too weak. It is true that they were first class. Just, first class. For them to think that first class is enough to kill us, they are underestimating us too much.

It's hard to think that this is the work of that Gransbach Empire that has Bullet. Bullet is not the type to use such pointless methods. This just leaves the two other countries that are going out of control.

Thinking such, we captured the second assassin without letting them commit suicide. The first one died by committing suicide, for the second one, we crushed his jaws to prevent him from biting the back of his teeth.

A very stupid man. By committing suicide, outflow of information could be prevented. Knowing that they would commit suicide and seeing them repeat it one patternly, it is obvious that we would be able to come up with countermeasures.

And, because of such foolishness, we managed to capture 3 people and by using medicine to force them to vomit, they became docile.

What's more, with good luck one of them was a really good knight that was willing to die. With his existence, he'll become a weakness to the other side.

I then ordered them to say that they were ordered by their home countries to ambush us disguised as bandits.

Even though the other side said, no attacking the other side before the conference, they attacked Princess Flare who was on route to the conference. It'll become a really big problem.

Obtaining a card just before the conference is really joyous.

"It's just quite irritating." (*Kearuga*)

Because it was all too sloppy, it felt like we were being underestimated. As a result, Setsuna and the others spent the few days in a really bad mood.

However, that bad mood will disappear now. As honoured guests, we were invited to a mansion and were welcomed quite hospitably.

Before the Dioral Kingdom rose into power, the Gransbach Empire was the strongest country to had reign the entire continent. As such, the visitors from other countries were also invited to similarly prepared private manors.

... It was a bit surprising.

Their culture was far more refined than Dioral Kingdom's. Arts and Meals which were far better than Dioral Kingdom's were prepared. No matter how much power you have, it is meaningless in front of a refined cultured that had been tempered by it long history. Simply speaking, with delicious meals, great music and marvelous paintings even your anger would melt away.

Even so, it is not good to be too at ease. Every attendees here were all spies, they were observing all of our movements and wouldn't let even a word slip past their ears even if it were just nonsensical talks. What's more, even if it was just a really small amount of magic they would instantly react.

However, that was still within our expectations. It's not my hobby to speak casually to my enemies... but still, since we were so graciously invited like this, it is such a waste if we wouldn't have fun.

Because the night is the stage for women. Women would use their stunning beauty and skill that were thoroughly honed unto their bodies to give joy to men. Though the smell of burning incense and the oncoming probing questions irritated me, I will forgive them because it was quite a fun time.

Since it was a place where Setsuna and the others could show off the techniques they had been taught. Let's do our best to not make this city into a sea of flames.

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The next day, at the place that was prepared by the Gransbach Empire, the conference was held.

It was a room that showed off their overwhelming culture. A room that was made to give off the feeling of Gransbach enormous power to disturb the hearts of the people who would negotiate with them. That was the kind of impression that was given to me.

The ones that were gathered there were the Dioral Kingdom and facing against them were the Gransbach Empire and its 2 allied countries. Furthermore, for this conferences moderator were the 3rd party countries.

When the conference had begun, the first one to speak was Freya who was in the appearance of Princess Flare.

“We, the Dioral Kingdom, don’t wish for any futile blood to flow. We are in agreement to be in a ceasefire. For this event, we hereby present our only condition. And that is, for the handover of the Brave Hero of the **[Canon]**, Bullet. We wish for no other condition.” (*Princess Flare*)

Let’s start with the saltiest one. Since the Dioral Kingdom was on the receiving end of a one sided declaration of war, the victim’s side, we had an overwhelming advantage on the advancement of this debate.

Normally, we should be in a position to receive a compensation. However, by choosing to abandon it and let it end all with just one person.

It can also be said to be extremely abnormal. That is because this condition won’t have any influence to Gransbach Empires Territories and its 2 allied countries.

In other words, Dioral Kingdom’s proposal is a very appealing talk to accept. It is because the 2 other countries really want to make this Ceasefire Agreement a success. For if it ends in failure, then they would have to suffer getting bombed.

What’s more, if they were to refuse Freya’s condition, they would be forced to give out a greater compensation for the Ceasefire Agreement to be tied.

Either way, they don’t have the liberty to choose. Those 2 countries should choose to hand over Bullet.

I had suffered greatly at the Desert City. Now, it’s your turn to suffer. Now, Bullet. Other than Gransbach Empire, everyone here is now your enemy.

Show me what you will do.

Chapter 18: The Healer Swears an Oath

Bullet was caught in a trap. At this moment, Bullet's only remaining ally was Gransbach Empire.

From the hostile 3 countries, so long as the other 2 countries gave up on bullet, receiving a punishment or paying a compensation would no longer be necessary. They should be happy to give Bullet over.

"Princess Flare, isn't there a limit to being a tyrant!?" (???)

A Foreign Affairs' Officer of Gransbach Empire exclaimed. They were the only allies of Bullet.

Or, if we view this in another perspective, if they were to give up on Bullet, there is a fear that it could be taken as a testimony that even they had believe that he had become a liability to them.

Freya smiled as she continued her words.

"Tyranny? Dioral Kingdom was subjected to a disadvantageous war of aggression and it was written in the Declaration of War's documents, he was was of the starters for it. It is matter of fact for him to receive a punishment. And for us, the Dioral Kingdom, for us not to demand for a compensation from you is because you were also a victim. You were only deceived by the Hero of the **[Cannon]**. That is why we decided to be generous in your treatment. Or, was my understanding a mistake?... If that is so, then you should know that mercy won't be shown, right?" (*Princess Flare*)

The faces of the hostile countries hardened.

Mercy won't be shown. They aren't idiots who are unable to understand that statement. Next, it will be their Capitals, their Castles would be bombed just like their vanguard is what they should be imagining.

"Ah, right, during our journey from Dioral Kingdom, were attacked by a lot of bandits... when we captured them, we heard some interesting stories from them. Calling them here and have them talk should be good." (*Princess Flare*)

With a expression filled with different meanings, Freya observed each and every one of their faces.

As expected, the people who had been serving as a Foreign Affairs' Officer for a long time had no changes in the color of their faces. However, they are unable to deceive my and Ellen's Eyes.

Since we had an idea who was the culprit for it in this situation, and with my signal, we had Freya stare at him. By doing so, the group that felt threatened by making it public returned Freya her stare. As such, in this conference, the violation of having attacked the representatives of Dioral Kingdom will not be touched.

That aside, this is amazing.

Freya, herself, is not all that great. She is only moving according to the script. The person, Ellen, who wrote that script sure is amazing. Everything had been moving according to her expectations.

"Well then, I would like to hear. You were a victim, right?" (*Princess Flare*)

"That is right. We were deceived. We had no intentions of doing such acts." (???)

"Dioral Kingdom was only being a shield to its people... No matter how we were deceived, we have done such mistaken acts that cannot taken back." (???)

Other than Gransbach Empire, they had turned sides. A good decision.

If they did not do so, they would be crushed by Dioral Kingdom's seriousness.

Everyone's line of sight concentrated to Gransbach Empire's representative. They were sort that blamed, they wanted Gransbach Empire to stop debating and just accept the condition.

For Gransbach Empire, it was a flow of events that went outside their prediction and as a result, they couldn't muster up a refute. With sweat flowing out, one of the Foreign Affairs officer attempted to open his mouth but at that moment...

The door opened, and a new participant had appeared.

A black skinned bald large man. Under his priestly clothes were large muscles that appeared as if they were about to burst out at any moment. Besides him, a medium built young man was waiting.

"Since the talks are about me, it should be expected for me to be able to participate. Fumu, the events had become quite interesting." (*Bullet*)



"Hero of the **[Cannon]**, Bullet, we have no room for allowing any of your excuses!" (???)

"First things first, I would like you to listen to what I will talk before deciding. Actually, I had been listening to the conference from the room next door. And, it had been quite deplorable. With a show of great force, they who had sold their souls to the devil, had started to bend justice. The oath of defeating Dioral Kingdom for world peace was about to disappear." (Bullet)

Hearing Bullet's words, that faces of the 3 countries changed color.

"You! What are you trying to do!?" (???)

"That is an unsightly act!" (???)

It wasn't just the people of Dioral Kingdom, almost everyone in this room, in response to Bullet's words, threw accusations at him.

"Fumu, this response is unexpected. What I was trying to say is, no matter what the situation was, it is right to only speak of the truth. It is also because unrelated countries had also come here." (Bullet)

The place of conference was filled to with anger. If things had continued on, a peaceful resolution would have been exchanged but, it was destroyed by this man.

I had instructed Freya to allow Bullet to continue on as is.

"Well then, Hero of the **[Cannon]**, if you speak of it like that, then why don't we have you speak the truth you speak of." (Princess Flare)

"Then, I will thankfully oblige. The previous King of Dioral Kingdom wanted to be the shield of humanity, and, while fighting the Demon Clan, he had connections to the Demon Lord under the the table. Notwithstanding that because he had been granted power by the Demon Lord, he had become drunk in power and... turned into a monster and became an enemy to humanity." (Bullet)

We had no refute to that.

It was the truth without a doubt. However, so what does that really do?

"That is correct, father had been defeated by the dark power. That is why I together with the Hero of **[Healing]** and the new Hero of the **[Sword]** that was the **[Sword Saint]**, together with them we defeated my father." (Princess Flare)

"Right, even I know of it. You people had save the world. And also, the people in this room might not know of it, the Hero of **[Healing]** Kearuga had defeated the Demon Lord! He had defeated the Demon Lord and the Previous King of Dioral Kingdom that was driven insane. Both of them were defeated by him... In other words he is a real Hero!" (Bullet)

Bullet grasped me with his sight. It didn't look at me with the eyes of a man that was drowning in desperation, but he was looking at me with the eyes of a predator.

Because of the atmosphere of everyone wanted me to answer, I stood up.

"I am thankful for your praises. So, what are you trying to say?" (Kearuga)

"It's that, this Hero of **[Healing]** will arrive to the same destination as that of the previous Dioral King. With the Demon Lord defeated, a new Demon Lord shall rise. And, that Demon Lord and the Hero of **[Healing]** Kearuga will form a connection. Connection is a weak word to describe it, they will Love each other. And, as the vanguard of the Demon Lord, he will surely bare his fangs. As such, it is a necessity to defeat Dioral Kingdom!"
(Bullet)

Everyone had become rowdy. Specially, the 3 countries who had not heard of it before had become really upset.

It is possible to come up with an excuse to cut him off, but I will not be doing so.

"I will affirm to falling in love with the Demon Lord.... but I don't want you to misunderstand. I will not become a tool to the Demon Lord. I share the same Dream as her. Which is why I defeated the then Demon Lord and had her become the new Demon Lord. Our goal is the same. It's for Humans and Demon to hold hands. She and I, had been fighting a long battle, a battle to end the long war between Humans and Demons." (Kearuga)

If anyone other than me had spoken these words, then it would have ended up as an ideal.

The Prince who had claimed that that Freya had become a lost person is one of them, people who we need to be wary of.

Enritta Kingdoms' Prince Casta.

"Hero of **[Healing]** Kearuga, I am surprised. For there to be demons who are willing to cooperate with humans. And, for those demons to push her up to be a Demon Lord and what's more, for her to become your lover... But still, is really possible to be at peace with the Demons? We have been spilling blood. And the Demons did the same. Peace is not enough for the people to accept." (Prince Casta)

... those words were also said by the Demons.

A feeling even I could understand.

"Even still, it is an action I had to do... It is impossible to slaughter all of the Demons. Blood will continue to be spilled if we continue to fight to end a fight. After us, our children would take over. After them, their children. Is that acceptable?" (Kearuga)

That question stabbed the hearts of everyone that was in this place.

"Even if it is unreasonable, there is a need to end it. Let me say it clearly, for the sake of peace, I am willing to spill blood. Peace shall be forged and everyone that denies it shall be punished. The people who tries to break the achieved peace will also be dealt the same. By my name, I will not show mercy! The Demons will also be treated equally. By doing so, peace will eventually be achieved!" (Kearuga)

Some were filled with rage while others were exasperated.

Within them, Enritto Kingdom's Prince, Casta had laughed.

"That has no end. What's more, by doing that you blade will be pointed to the friends and families of whom you have punished." (Prince Casta)

"Then, those families and friends will be punished. So long as people who bear such grudges appear, they shall be killed. By doing so, someday it will end. I will never be killed... By doing this, in my time the war between humans and demons will end." (*Kearuga*)

It is what I had decided. If I don't do this much, war will never end.

I didn't say it to persuade all the people that had come to this conference, I had decided this for a long time.

"....and so, will be called a True Hero. We, Enritto Kingdom, will show support to the Hero of **[Healing]** Kearuga and to Dioral Kingdom Behind him. For a man such as this to only be used as a pawn by the Demon Lord and the demons is impossible." (*Prince Casta*)

The effects of Prince Casta was big, people who were willing to accept appeared and quickly followed suit.

For Bullet, the relationship between me and Eve was his only ace that should have been able reverse this situation. For it to have ended in a failure. He has no cards remaining on his hand.

"Hero of the **[Cannon]** Bullet. Let me ask again. I truly am in a relationship with the Demon Lord. But, it is not a foolish one. I and the Demon Lord will show you that we will be able to end the war between the humans and demons.... The love between a Hero and the Demon Lord will be a symbol to that." (*Kearuga*)

The corners of Bullet's Lips were raised.

How is he able to show such an expression.

"As expected of *my* Kearuga. You have done well. I shall give you full marks for this. This flow can no longer be changed. It is my loss. At this rate, I will be turned over to Dioral Kingdom. I had thought that I had done things a bit better. *My* Kearuga was more clever than I had thought. I have come to like you more." (*Bullet*)

...He accepted his defeat.

But, I have never thought that this is the end of everything. If he was an opponent of such a level, then my revenge would have ended even right before it reached this point.

A roaring sound was reverberated.

The foul smell of a large amount of Fire Medicine being used wafted. Even with all this VIPs gathered, it was quite good for him to have done it. From the explosives, the wall had crumbled and from it, armed young men entered.

People that were charged with security were also mixed in. From the moment he had entered this room under his breath, he had already planned to do this from the start... Getting defeated in the conference, the only way for him to live was for him to flip the board.

Doing such acts and straight mindedly execute it is Bullet's way. But, disappointingly, even such events, I had expected it. Sorry, but I need to end it here. Doing such dirty acts are my specialty.

Chapter 19: The Healer Retreats

Along with the explosion at the conference room, fully armed men stormed in one after another.

It is quite certain that this wasn't ad-libbed. If the conference had been carefully prepared and if properly trained men were placed to guard the surroundings, this kind of event would not have happened. This carefully prepared movement is really like Bullet.

Well, everything had been expected though. If Bullet were to be defeated in a battle of words, it's impossible to think that he would just quietly accept his punishment.

By doing this and turning the tables around is also an effective hand to play. And because of that, it was possible to read him.

One after another, VIPs were being attacked. Normally, they should have been protected. And, while this is happening, his escape route had been secured.

... However, I am not that stupid.

In the first place, I have no qualms in what happens to the people here. The only people that I need to protect are Freya and Ellen, as such Setsuna and Kuruha are protecting the two of them.

If this conference had been held in Dioral Kingdom, I would have considered protecting the 3rd party Kingdom's representatives. However, because the conference is being held inside Gransbach Empire's territory, whatever happens is not our responsibility.

Well, because they answered our calls to participate in this conference, protecting them without forcing ourselves should be fine. However, the most important thing of all is the capture of Bullet. Having lots of leeway is great after all.

The first move should be our full power.

With Georgius I flew and used **[Deterioration Heal]**.

I really hate him and can't help but truly hate him. Thinking of how I should kill him. By my own will I really want to turn him into a meat doll in which he can't even move a single finger. Like Hell. With a clear mind but with an immovable body. As an extra, I want to turn him into a pink pile of slushy disgusting gooey like substance. Turning the cute boys that he likes into an object you could never look at with your eyes should make him suffer continuously.

And so, I flew towards Bullet.

At an explosive speed that the intruders can't keep up. And, around Bullet's waist. The point where even if he had a weapon, he would be unable to wield it properly. A Bullet that had no Magic Taslam, his attacks should be nothing special.

In response to my flight towards him, Bullet took out small tube like object from his chest. It was something that you cannot even think to

compare it to Bullet's main weapon which was the cannon cause of how pathetic it looked.

Bullet then pulled the trigger that was unexpectedly attached to it.

I dodged that magic bullet that that flew out from it with a paper thin margin...It wasn't a fluke that I dodged that attacked. It was because I knew of it. That small tube like object was used as the main body of his Magic Cannon. He called it a **[Gun]**. His true Ace in the Hole.

There were only few who knew of his **[Magic Cannon Taslam]**, By making his enemies lowered their guard against him and would have fallen prey to his gun. Bullet never trusts anyone. He never even showed it's true form to his allies.

However, during the first time, when I used **[Recovery Heal]** on him I managed to know of it's existence when I peeked through his memories.

Quite unfortunate for you huh, Bullet. I win this battle of deceit.

I then Raised my Magic up. Just 20cm more and he would be within the range of my **[Deterioration Heal]**.

You're mine!

"Kearu, lowering your guard down is bad you know. You were quite close. Just a little bit more and I would have given you full points." (Bullet)

Bullet made a sneering smile.

The next moment I was hit by an attack from the side and was blown away.

I was smashed to the wall and from my belly blood continuously flowed out from my stomach. Georgius' **[Auto Heal]** then activated.

What? What happened? I surely vigilant of my surroundings. He shouldn't have anything on hand to catch up to my timing.

At that time, the only people around me were the VIP from the Gransbach Empire. They should not have anything that had the attack power to pierce through my defenses.

Grasping the pain and facing forward, I noticed the irregularity.

"Bullet, you bastard! Did you just become the same thing as the previous King of Dioral!?" *(Kearuga)*

"No, it's different. The previous King of Dioral was swallowed up by the Darkness. However, I was able to tame it." *(Bullet)*

The one that blew me away was a VIP from the Gransbach Empire. A meaty tentacle like object was bursting out from his inside and his eyes were staring at a distance. In the past, the Previous Dioral King had used that same powers to lead the Black Knights.

Bullet's muscle started bulged and tore his Priestly clothes. On his chest was a pulsating black marble that continuously poured out Dark power without stopping.

...Impossible.

Bullet was supposed to have only been given Dark power. But now, he is the one that is producing that Dark power. And, it's the same one that the Previous Demon King had used.

No, it's properties is more evil than that.

"No way.... did you use the **[Philosopher's Stone]**!?"

The Demon King's Heart.

On the first world, I used it as a medium to **[Recovery Heal]** the world and for insurance I attempted to obtain it on this world.

And right now, it's pulsating on Bullet's chest.

"Aa, you understood it quickly. As expected, Kearuga's the best~. Yes, using the power that was given to as a lead, I arrived to its origin of power and used it to change myself....I don't wanna die, I don't wanna get killed, I don't wanna grow old. In fact, I started to think that I wanna spend my entire life together with the cute little boys forever." *(Bullet)*

Bullet laughed as he molded that Dark power like clay.

"When I, when I saw this Dark power, I had it dwell inside of me, I scattered it around me and as long as I have the **[Philosopher's Stone]** I was sure that I could use it. I desired to obtain overwhelming power that would make me unkillable, that would make me immortal, that would allow me to preserve any powers I like you know...In fact, the Demon King is just a by product of this power. In other words, you could say I am a being that surpasses the Demon King. You could even call me the Great Demon King." *(Bullet)*

One after another, the VIP's of the Gransbach Empire exploded and mutated into a strange shape. All of the VIP's of the Gransbach Empire all changed into Bullet's Meat Doll.

... It's safe to assume that we were in the worst case scenario.

What's more, one after another the intruders mutated into a strange shape and each of them held enough power to hurt me. No, it's not just the guys that are here. It's possible that the tens or hundreds of Gransbach Empire's commoners had become like this.

Considering the situation we are in, our only option was to retreat... What's more, if it's Bullet it is safe to think of a scenario that's a step worse than the one we would think of.

"To think, the war that the Gransbach Empire that you had was a set up was the blindfold to keep us from noticing the situation that was happening on the inside." *(Kearuga)*

"Since no one was able to notice what I had been planning, it was smooth sailing you know. I had thought that if it was Kearuga, you would have been able to notice me." *(Bullet)*

Screams reverberated. From the inside and from the outside. From the outside, a scene of hell was surely unfolding. It looks like the worst case scenario had hit the mark. The monsters were spreading to the outside from here.

How uncool. I had wanted to place a checkmate on him only to be the one to get checkmated.

With the **[Philosopher's Stone]** in him, you could say that he had obtained the source of the Dark power.

When we had defeated the Previous King of Dioral, the Dark power had dissipated. If so, Bullet have had the **[Philosopher's Stone]**'s power earlier than that time... then it's should have absorb a lot.

It couldn't be, he had not given the previous King and had used the **[Philosopher's Stone]** on himself. I was afraid that if the previous King had obtained the **[Philosopher's Stone]** he would have used it on a Ritual Magic to unreasonable take over the world.

However, Bullet had betrayed the Previous King from the start. Even if I was unable to defeat the Previous King, Bullet had been planning to do this from the start.

We had been wrong from the starting stage... From that point, we had already lost.

"Everyone gather!" (*Kearuga*)

"Yes!" (*Freya*)

"This is quite a pinch huh, Kearuga-niisama." (*Ellen*)

"Very troublesome." (*Setsuna*)

"But still, we'll break through." (*Kureha*)

I called everyone to gather in one place around me.

I wanted to capture Bullet. I wanted to get my revenge on him. With him, not only obtaining the **[Philosopher's Stone]**, he even started using it which only served to increase his crime. Even if that wasn't the case, he is still the object of my hate.

Even still, I have no choice but to give up on sating my revenge. If we were to attempt to capture him, we would be the ones who would be captured instead. When that happens, I would lose my chance to get my revenge.

The most important thing to consider when taking on your revenge it to be cool headed... If rage takes over your mind, that will only lead to destruction. To be able to fulfill your revenge with certainty, from time to time, it is necessary to give up on taking the prey in front of you.

"Do you really think I would allow you to escape?" (*Bullet*)

Bullet swung his hand down, causing the monsters around the room to attack all at once.

Fighting them head on will make us lose. Which is why.....

"Yeah, we will run away." (*Kearuga*)

From the neck of my clothes, a fox pup popped his head out and opened his mouth wide.

During our chat, I had ordered Guren to prepare the flames of purification till its highest point. Letting Bullet carry on our little chat was all for this moment.

"All of you are really stinky nano! Go die nano!" (*Guren*)

Guren breathed out the flames of purification.

The flames of purification that Guren had breathed out could not be compared to before. The flames flew out like a laser burning the mutants and building on its wake. Leaving no traces of it.

Since its Bullet that we're facing against, there was a chance that he had sprinkled the few bits of the Dark power that he could have picked up from the wreckage of the previous King.

Which why, I had prepared Guren and hid her inside of my clothes. Who could have thought that that rather than some few bits, he had something that were ways above the one that the previous King had. She really came in handy.

On the side that Bullet was facing against, the encirclement around us had collapsed.

"Freya!" (*Kearuga*)

"I understand... 7th level Frost Magical Technique **[Cocytus]**!" (*Freya*)

It's a **[Technique]** that was 2 levels beyond the said human limit. It is a level that only the chosen **[Brave Heroes]** could use. A level from the Age of the Gods.

Spanning roughly a 100 meters, freezingly cold winds destructively blew at our surroundings.

With Freya as the center, there was a small safe haven. I'm quite sure that if we were to just leave this spot even by just a little bit, we would surely be frozen to ice.

Against those who have been defiled by the Dark power, it's quite an effective move to freeze them to disable them, since they possess a strong regenerative powers.

"Let's go!" (*Kearuga*)

We ran on the path that Guren had broken through and had been secured by Freya.

Also, the surviving members of the VIPs from the 3rd party Kingdom escaped along with us... they will be used to testify on what had happened here for us on the after today.

Peeking a bit, the Prince of Enritta Kingdom, Casta was mixed in among them. I was wary against him, since he might suddenly start slicing at Ellen. Reading my thoughts, the Prince opened his mouth first.

Freya being close to him was not a coincidence at all. He must have noticed that the place around her was the only safe spot here.

"Follow us. If you do, we'll protect you guys as long as you don't bother us." (*Kearuga*)

"Well that quite ensuring.... my trusted subordinate seem to have their hands full in attempting to get over this situation." (*Prince Casta*)

We then retreated.

As we retreated I thought. On what I need to do to kill that bastard? To that bastard who wields such unreasonable power.

.....I could think of only one answer. Like how Bullet had used the **[Philosopher's stone]** to strengthen himself, I only need to do the same and become the same as him.

No, there's no way I can do that.

Since the only way to obtain another **[Philosopher's stone]** on this world is to rip out Eve's heart. Eve is special. There's no way I could use her then throw her away.

After we safely escape this place, we need to immediately start a strategy meeting.

Epilogue: The Healer Shreds

Freya sprints through the opening that Guren cut open.

It's our loss. It's a complete defeat with no other way to look at it. I thought I had read his hand perfectly and countered his moves, but in the end, it was I who was dancing on the palm of his hand all along.

I can't even imagine that by the time the Philosopher's stone was taken, everything up to now was a plan that was all planned out. I gnash my teeth to the point where my molars are about to crumble.

"I won't lose next time." (*Kearuga*)

I'll admit it. I couldn't reach that guy's level.

But, that doesn't mean that I have given up on my revenge. Now that I know the true extent of his competence, I can plan for that and definitely surpass him next time. By living and running away, I've always got another chance to plan and attack.

"I'll cut open a path now." (*Kearuga*)

"I'll provide support!" (*Kureha*)

Strange monsters start to push against the boundaries of the absolute zero domain. The black knight that the Dioral king put out on duty still had a human face but this one had nothing of the sort. This wasn't a black knight, it was just a black monster.

This is why I dislike those things. They're dirty, persistent and they increase so fast.

Still, in the guise of a small fox, Guren placed the fire of purification on our weapons for Kureha and I. With weapons cloaked in the flames of purification, even those immortal black monsters can be defeated.

"I'll be able to make this work!" (*Setsuna*)

With the weapon that was given by me, Setsuna stabs the black monsters in front of us. With her other hand, she pierces through the black monster and freezes it from the inside. Even if you can't kill them you can still neutralize them. Although unwillingly, with repeated fights against these guys, we can now cope with them calmly.

Ellen yells out to me.

"We're going to break through this encirclement. Kearuga-nii-sama, please please watch out. There are high chances of there being something right outside this encirclement." (*Ellen*)

Yeah, I know.

By breaking through the encirclement, we get drained in both magic and physical energy. There's also the sense of tiredness that will come with the loss of adrenaline when we break out of here... Bullet would for sure come and reap as soon as the encirclement is broken.

The earth beneath us split open and a humongous black hand rose up from the ground. Although it appears like the same black monsters, it gave

off an aura that made it seem several times stronger than the other black monsters. All as expected.

"It's a nuisance!" (*Kearuga*)

Along with the violent rush, I release the **[Alteration Heal]** with the magical power to the limit. The black giant's whole body shook and he started to crumble and fall.

The magic that breaks down the nervous system in one's body, **[Alteration heal]**. The body itself is still safe but it now has no control over its own body and is like a useless worm. Arrows targeted me right after I released the magic spell. But this was also all in my expectations. I dodge some of the arrows and receive the rest with my body.

After receiving the injury, I felt a great wave of nausea and drowsiness hit me. Naturally, there was a powerful poison rubbed onto the arrow tip. But for me, someone who has **[Drug Resistance]** to be this affected...What in the name of hell did they bring out?

While using **[Automatic recovery auto heal]** to recover from my wounds, I attack the enemy one by one by using **[Alteration heal on them]**.

"Follow my lead!" (*Kearuga*)

We exited the venue and looked towards the city.

We could see that one by one, the citizens were turning into black monsters. They appear to not be receiving any orders whatsoever and just going on a rampage. If it's like this, it should be easy to slip through.

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We escaped from the city and hid inside of the forest. There should be pursuers coming after us really soon.

Freya's level seven freezing magic is almost unmeltable but if they have Demon King class strength then it will take about half a day to break it from the inside.

I can't even be sure if Bullet is actually frozen inside completely. And it's impossible that that guy made an organization that's too weak to move on its own without their leader. With that man's thinking, he should have at least had two methods to trace and give instructions.

"So what's it going to be, hero of healing, how are we going to get back. The path back should most likely also be blocked." (*Prince Casta*)

The man who accompanied us, Prince Castta of Enritta Kingdom, questions me.

"It's definitely blocked. Bullet will erase all existing people in this country or he will change them into monsters and send them as puppets into other countries. The thing that Bullet wants to avoid is others knowing that the people have no awareness of what he had done only until right before they get changed." (*Kearuga*)

Humans turning into immortal monsters with the power to even injure the heroes. This kind of thing can only be thought of as terrifying.

But the thing that I am scared of is that unlike the black knights that the Dioral King was using, The people of the Grantsbach Empire were scared when they became black monsters. In short, they were not aware that they had become monsters already.

There is even a chance that many people in Dioral Kingdom are already turned into these monsters without even realizing it, and are left to transform fully into a monster. It is even possible that these monsters have infiltrated to other countries too. By doing this he can destroy any force from the inside. It's a repulsive power to think of.

"This is indeed very bad...That man called himself the Great Demon King but in reality the situation is much worse. If it was only that he was very powerful, it would be possible to find a way to beat him but with this situation..." *(Prince Casta)*

"That's right. His goal, ultimately, is to create a Utopia where he and his ideal boys talk about love forever, but there are so many patterns in the process that you can't read it. Even if you could at one point, he'll change his plan quickly." *(Kearuga)*

The first step for the process of reading is hand is to try and figure out what he has to do first to get to his goal. For countries, the survival and prosperity of the country is the most important. To make sure that they achieve this, there are certain situations and conditions that they can never back down or advance on. By knowing those conditions or situations, it is possible to bind the others hand to a certain extent.

But in this situation...I'm not sure what our next move should be. If you do it normally, they will take the advantage. And when you think of the difference in military strength, it's impossible to think that it would be easy to win.

"Kearuga nii-sama, even if you can't read their hand, you can still guide them. Although there are dangers attached to this plan." *(Ellen)*

"That's true. If we don't give them a bait that they can't pass up on, there is no way that they will pounce onto us." *(Kearuga)*

Bullet is very cautious, so we have to put a lot of thought into this plan and analyze it from all possible angles. To get the desired response from these actions we would need to work very hard. That is why it is necessary to create a situation where it is impossible to lose unless a miracle occurs.

But I also think like this. If you do not take a high enough risk, it is impossible to attain victory.

"Please wait a moment, Kearu-sama and Ellen-sama, This kind of thought should be left till later. For now the priority is to figure out how we are going to get back." *(Prince Casta)*

"I know... I was planning to run from the start and I was prepared for it long ago. I did not run into this mountain just to hide from them." *(Kearuga)*

"Yeah I thought so too. Truthfully, geographically, this isn't the best place but by using that thought and with the enemy thinking that too, it is possible that they're hiding here." *(Prince Casta)*

We head deeper into the woods. We suddenly exit into a clearing where the leaves pile up and the trees are less dense. I move away the fallen leaves and see traces of a hole that was dug up. Using magic, we dug the hole back up and found several large parts wrapped in cloth.

"Kearuga nii-sama, I haven't heard anything about this." (*Ellen*)

"I haven't said anything that's why. Dioral Kingdom has many people who also side with Bullet. For the one in a million chance, they need to keep this hidden and in secret." (*Kearuga*)

After assembling the parts, what appeared was the Dioral Kingdoms aircraft, which should have been in the castle hanger. The one in the hanger right now is a fake and this is the real one. I broke it down into parts and buried it here.

"As expected of you. Did you predict that something like this would happen?" (*Prince Casta*)

"Unfortunately, I couldn't read today's situation, but I was expecting some patterns of situations." (*Kearuga*)

The aircraft is going to be ready to fly as soon as it is assembled. This location was chosen with the thoughts of takeoff in mind. This aircraft should be able to help us escape no matter what the situation is.

I lost to Bullet today but I'm sure that he did not expect us to escape this situation today. With this I should have paid him back in full for the troubles he has caused today.

"You are quite reliable Kearuga-sama." (*Setsuna*)

"Since this is Guren's master, this much is natural!" (*Guren*)

Usually I would have accepted it obediently but this is still a lost so I can't really be happy about this situation.

"So this is the plane that I heard so many rumours about. I wonder how it flies." (*Prince Casta*)

"I don't know the reason well. Prince Casta, will you ride with us?" (*Kearuga*)

"Naturally, there won't be anymore opportunities to ride such a craft like this anytime soon, and there aren't any paths home aside from this." (*Prince Casta*)

"...There's going to be a price." (*Kearuga*)

"Of course, I'll make sure to spread the truth to all of the other nations." (*Prince Casta*)

We all move to enter the aircraft. Freya started up the aircraft and the plane rose and started to accelerate. For our safety, I instruct to raise the altitude to the limit. I was in the back seat. Next to me is Ellen. Now I felt safe enough to even talk about our near future.

"This is about the topic from before but, how will I induce Bullet to act?" (*Kearuga*)

I'll ask now so I have more time to think of how I should proceed in the future.

"There exists multiple ways we can proceed but there are always two conditions that must always be met. One, Eves help. With only half-assed strength it will be inevitable that we get turned into black monsters. The power of the Demon King's army would be needed to create a force that's stronger than the hero and the other strong forces." *(Ellen)*

That's for sure. And there's the great cause that both the demon kin and the demon king corporate on.

Bullet had said something about touching the root of that black power. Which could also be taken as a poison that insults the Demon King. As long as it doesn't go away, Eve and the next Demon King and even the one after that will go crazy someday.

You may be able to eliminate the culprit by defeating Bullet. It is also the demon's desire.

"What's the other condition?" *(Kearuga)*

"The bait is going to need to be Kearuga nii-sama. You must seem as vulnerable as possible and seem like the warmest meal that Bullet could ever receive. But we must also make sure that you are not in too much danger." *(Ellen)*

"I'm okay with both of the conditions. Leave convincing Eve and the Demons to me. You plan on how I'll be the bait." *(Kearuga)*



Ellen said something then started shedding tears.

I'm also scared of what would happen to me if I'm left as bait.

But I refuse to give up here. I won't give up and let it end until I win.

Even if I can't win in the next battle, I'll win the battle after that. The more bitter the battles I experience on the path to victory, the sweeter the victory will become. In addition, after these days of struggles, long days of happiness will follow.

With good women and good alcohol, my life will be filled with happiness. For my ideal world, Bullet and those that agree with him are all in my way. And for my happiness, I'll erase everyone and everything that blocks my path.



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